

Rose ALP Vote Challenged as Fraud, Forgery

Watson Progressives Reject Framed Election of
Antonini; Say Rose Clique a Minority; Seek
Court Ruling as Next Step in Fight

By Harry Raymond

Charging fraud, coercion and forgery in proxy voting, American Labor Party progressives declared yesterday they would go to court immediately to ask that the Rose-Antonini old guard's claim to a narrow margin victory in a stormy all-night ALP state committee convention be declared illegal.

A check of the vote, Morris Watson, progressive leader, said, shows he won over Antonini by 70 or 80 votes.

Progressives claimed that 150 proxy votes counted for Antonini were votes cast for Watson.

CHALLENGE LEGALITY

Watson disputed the legality of a roll call vote by which the old guard claimed the re-election of Luigi Antonini as party state chairman by a 93 majority and the subsequent "election" by viva voce vote of Alex Rose as state secretary and Andrew R. Armstrong as treasurer.

The so-called victory of the old guard, Watson said, was "a hollow victory." He said the progressives had behind them the majority of the enrolled voters of the state.

"They claim victory on the basis of forged proxies from upstate districts which represent only a minority of the ALP voters," Watson declared. "The progressives, primary tabulations show, have the majority of the popular vote behind them."

Besides taking court action to outlaw the Rose-Antonini "victory," the Watson group said it would play a leading role in the nominations for President, Congress and judicial posts to be filed this fall.

STORMY SESSION

The state committee meeting, scheduled to start at 4 P.M. Saturday afternoon, did not get under way until after 9 o'clock. It continued under the chairmanship of Antonini amid uproar and disorder provoked by the old guard until 1:40 this morning when the tired committeemen staggered out of the police-guarded Broadway Theatre and a little clique of the Rose group congratulated themselves on their dubious success.

The committeemen went into action after Michael J. Quill, Transport Workers Union president, amid cheers which drowned out boos from the old guard, nominated Morris Watson for state chairman.

Eugene P. Connolly, Manhattan ALP chairman, and Earl Whipple, upstate CIO leader, seconded the nomination.

RED-BAITING SPEECHES

Robert Hoffman, a Buffalo Socialist, nominated Antonini in a red-baiting speech in which he lauded the pro-war foreign policies of the Roosevelt administration. Antonini's nomination was seconded by George Backer, millionaire publisher of the New York Post, who referred to the progressives in typical Dies Committee style as "Moscow agents" interested in "international revolution." Another red-baiting speech was made by former Assemblyman Nathan L. Minkoff.

The roll call vote taken by Herman Hoffman, an arbitrator with no legal standing tired by the Rose group, commenced at 10:30 P. M. and continued until 12:40 P. M. with the progressives challenging the legality of stacks of old guard proxy votes, many of which were voted by old-guard members who were defeated in their own assembly districts in the primaries.

Hyman Olickstein, counsel for the progressives and an ALP state committeeman, stood on the stage when the vote was taken and challenged proxies and revocations of proxies held by Matthew Levy, old guard counsel.

PROXIES SEGREGATED

All the proxies were segregated according to an order of Supreme Court Justice Wasservogel. The challenged proxies, on which the progressives claim the old guard "robbed" the election, were segregated in a separate batch to facilitate court action.

There were times during the proxy voting that Mr. Hoffman became tangled and confused and had trouble deciding which side he would give the vote to.

Shouts of "forgery" filled the air as the disputed Antonini proxies were recorded from upstate.

When the count hit the New York City line Antonini was lead-

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Dies Forced To Return Documents To I.W.O.

Bedacht Says Action
Shows Illegal Nature
of Seizures

The Dies Committee's attack on the International Workers Order was brought to a sharp halt Saturday when it was forced to return membership lists and other materials taken in an illegal raid from the IWO offices in Philadelphia.

This was brought about by the IWO's immediate prosecution for the return of the property, restraining the Dies Committee from using the said property, and making any copies or extracts; that defendants be restrained from releasing any information contained in such property to any of the newspapers; that the search and seizure warrant be quashed.

This bill of complaint was filed in the District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and Judge Welsh immediately ordered the arrest of Albert A. Granitz, lieutenant of police in Philadelphia, Chester Howe and George F. Hurley, investigators for the Dies Committee, and ordered the return of the IWO property. These three, who were responsible for the raid, are now out on bail pending a hearing on April 17 before Judge Welsh.

MATERIAL IMPOUNDED

The IWO material was returned to Magistrate Jacob Dogolo and is now under lock and key and guarded by the police at the Philadelphia City Hall. The police made an inventory of the property and Magistrate Dogolo furnished Saul C. Waldbum, the IWO Philadelphia attorney in the case, with a copy of this inventory. When the lawyer asked to examine the property, Magistrate Dogolo refused to permit him to do so and claimed that he was acting upon the advice of counsel. No further legal action will be taken in view of the hearing set before Judge Welsh on April 17.

Reinstatement against the Dies Committee's high-handed tactics is widespread in Philadelphia. The Committee for People's Rights has organized a protest meeting on April 19. Rep. Vito Marcantonio (ALP, N. Y.), Saul C. Waldbum, IWO attorney in the case will speak.

INDICTMENTS 2 YEARS OLD

Indictments against the 35 members of the teamsters union were handed down in May of 1938 after the union had launched a drive to organize workers employed by over-the-road trucking companies.

Originally the indictments were drawn against 76 union members, but United States Attorney Cahill announced several days ago that he would ask for a "severance" in the case of 41 of the 76 members and officers of the union.

Those to go on trial today are: Austin Furey and William Campbell, former business agents; Joseph Degan, Frank Downs, J. Flanagan, John Horan, M. Katz, George Bagley, Michael Cahill, Leonard L. Marne, Manuel Magan, Joseph Murphy, William Pelker, Francis Power, Samuel Reichler, Thomas Sharkey.

Also Frank Stolzowicz, Peter Wasiewicz, John Weinheimer, Edward Weinheimer, Tony Vanditti, William Simpson, Morris Reichler, Bernard L. Randazzo, Eli Pollock, George Needleman, "Mosely" Mulqueen, Carl Macomber, Abraham Klenofsky, Andy Jakakas, John Gaughan, Joseph Duffy, Robert Dillon, and Joseph Bender.

Senator Burton Wheeler will act

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C. A. HATHAWAY

Hathaway Trial To Be Resumed This Morning

Attack on 'Blue Ribbon'
Jury as Illegal
to Be Renewed

C. A. Hathaway, editor of the Daily Worker, who is being tried on a criminal libel charge, will continue his attack on the constitutionality of the "blue ribbon" jury when the trial is resumed today.

The trial will continue before Judge Preschi at 10 o'clock this morning at General Sessions, Part 8, at Franklin and Center Streets.

The first thing on the order of the day will be Judge Preschi's ruling on Hathaway's challenge to the whole jury panel on the ground that it is a "blue ribbon" unconstitutional jury. Hathaway's attorney, Edward Kuntz, chief counsel, and Osmond K. Praepkel, noted constitutional lawyer.

If Judge Preschi's ruling is adverse to Hathaway, the trial will proceed immediately to selection of jurors. Scores of prospective jurors will be examined by the prosecution and by the defense.

Rumors that spectators will be barred from the courtroom are false. It was learned yesterday, Spectators were turned away from previous sessions because the courtroom was jammed with prospective jurors. This situation will not exist today and at future sessions. It was learned.

YWCA Parley Chooses Peace Drive as Main Task

Delegates Elect Domestic Worker as President of
YWCA Industrial Council; Southern Negro
Woman as Secretary-Treasurer

By Louise Mitchell
(Special to the Daily Worker)

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., April 14.—Naomi Ellison of Tacoma, Wash., a household employe, was elected president of the National Industrial Council of the Young Women's Christian Associations of the United States at this morning's assembly. Miss Della Davis, Negro delegate of Lynchburg, Va., was chosen Secretary-Treasurer.

B'klyn Woman Badly Burned In Tenement

Mrs. Ida Bender, 54, was seriously burned yesterday morning when her clothing caught fire as rescuers assisted her from a burning tenement at 434 Chester St., Brooklyn. She was taken to Kings County Hospital.

Her husband, Abraham, fled down a fire escape, but suffered shock. Twenty-five persons were forced to run from the house.

British Bomber Crashes, Burns In Holland

THE HAGUE, April 14 (UP).—A British bombing plane crashed and burned on Dutch territory to day near Rabbichin on the German frontier after apparently engaging in an air battle.

Southern Youth Stress Right to Vote, Decry War, at Human Welfare Conference

By Ernest Mooror
(Special to the Daily Worker)

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., April 14.—Southern youth got in the first swing at the South's social and economic problems at the opening session of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare here today.

The youth leaders, both Negro and white and representing a variety of youth, labor and farm organizations spoke out for peace, for the eradication of Ku Klux Klan boss-inspired violence, for a national program to end starvation conditions in the factories and on the farms and for militant independent political action to secure the rights of democracy for all the millions of disfranchised Southerners, Negro and white.

Keynoting the youth session, Malcolm Cotton Dobbs, executive

secretary of the Council of Young Southerners, called on Southern youth to be on guard against American involvement in the European war.

NOT A "HOLY WAR"

"We know that this is no holy war," young Dobbs said, "we know that it is no more a war for the defense of democracy than was the futile struggle in 1914-1917 in which 27,000,000 young men of another generation were killed, crippled and wounded."

"Where were the 'democratic' governments of Chamberlain and Daladier, which today profess to be fighting for the rights of small nations," when Manchuria, Austria, Czechoslovakia, Ethiopia, Spain, China and Albania were victims of invasion. Is not this Chamberlain

the same slow-witted Englishman who negotiated the dishonorable 'peace' of Munich?

"On every hand we see the needs of the people being sacrificed to the great and ever-growing interest in the European conflict. The high principles for which the Democratic Party once declared it had 'just begun' to fight have been discarded. Labor's magna charta, the Wagner Act, is under attack by politicians of both major political parties. Important agencies such as the Wage-Hour administration have been crippled and relief appropriations have been slashed."

"What of the needs of our youth? What of the four million of us who are out of school and out of work? Thus far the NYA and CCC 'stop-

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Spain Aid Parley Sets Up New Group

Delegates Pledge to Spur
Aid to Refugees; Elect
New Leadership

Establishment of a new national organization to aid Spanish refugees was voted unanimously by 183 delegates representing eighty-one national organizations at a National Conference held yesterday in the Murray Hill Hotel, 41st St. and Park Ave.

A Provisional Resident Executive Committee of 27 persons was elected to head the new group, to be known as the North American Spanish Aid Committee. The provisional committee will meet this week to set on nominations for the National Executive Board submitted by the delegates.

The newly created organization is pledged to "carry on a vigorous campaign based on the decisions of the Pan-American Conference in Mexico City to aid Spanish Republicans and members of the International Brigades." National headquarters will be maintained in New York City at 55 West 42nd Street.

CHAPTERS REPRESENTED

Former major chapters of the Spanish Refugee Relief Campaign represented at the conference yesterday included San Francisco, Los Angeles, Chicago, Miami, Detroit, Boston, Philadelphia, Salt Lake City, Portland, Seattle and New York. Delegates from sixteen trade unions were present, including the United Shoe Workers of America, Furriers Joint Council, United American Artists, Federation of Architects, Engineers, Chemists and Technicians, United Furniture Workers, and the Retail Dry Goods Employees' Union. Fifteen delegates from Spanish organizations and many others representing national youth and fraternal groups also participated in the conference.

Among the proposals presented to the conference, based on decisions approved in Mexico City, were the following: establishment of a Pan-American Coordinating Com-

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Berlin Claims Narvik Victory; Allies Report Extension of Blockade

Holland Fears Spread Of Conflict to Its Soil

Tension High as Hundreds of Thousands of
Soldiers Stand Ready; Gov't Says Entry
Will Bring Immediate War

THE HAGUE, Holland, April 14 (UP).—Hundreds of thousands of Dutch soldiers patrolled Holland today as the Netherlands government prepared against the possibility of an invasion.

Tension grew throughout the country as both Germany and the Allies showed nervousness that one may try to surprise the other by striking across Holland.

So far there is no indication of any direct threat to Holland but this has not decreased Dutch watchfulness as was demonstrated throughout last night and today. Troops throughout the night cordoned The Hague and it was understood that all important Dutch towns were ringed by soldiers.

Bridges and main roads were patrolled. Machine guns were manned at bridges.

WILL DECLARE WAR

The United Press was informed that the Dutch military measures were simply intended to show both belligerents that Holland is prepared. It was pointed out that if any one entered Holland it would bring an immediate declaration of war.

Meanwhile, the Netherlands government extended the "state of siege" declared last Nov. 1 to include the province of North Brabant and parts of the northern and eastern provinces.

All roads, cross-roads and bridges were guarded. Trenches had been dug along the coast and batteries brought into position.

Indicative of the general nervousness in Holland, British authorities at Amsterdam advised all British residents, "as a precautionary measure," to be ready to leave on the shortest possible notice.

12,860 Soviet Troops, Officers Receive Medals

(Wireless in the Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, April 14.—Orders and medals of merit were awarded today to 12,860 commanders and men of the Red Army by the Soviet Government "for exemplary fulfillment of battle assignments of the command in action against the Finnish White-Guards and for outstanding valor."

The Soviet Government also conferred the title of Hero of the Soviet Union on 26 commanders and Red Army men, who at the same time received the Order of Lenin and the Gold Star medal.

Several army units, including an infantry division, aviation regiments and artillery regiments, were awarded the Order of the Red Banner.

Demonstrate at Franco Consulate Here Today

A mass protest demonstration against inhuman reprisals in Franco Spain will be held on Fifty-fourth St. between Madison and Park Aves., this afternoon at five o'clock, it was announced by Miss Felice Clark, executive secretary of the Emergency Conference to Save Spanish

educational director of the Club Obrero Espanol and a member of the Cafeteria Empleados Union, Local 302, A. F. of L., and David McKelvey White, chairman of the Committee for the Release of International Volunteers, will be chairman of the meeting. Mr. Keller appealed to all Spanish veterans to mobilize their friends for the demonstration.

"Among Franco's prisoners are many Internationalists who are being worked to death in labor battalions," he said. "We who fought with them for the Spanish Republic will join in protesting their cruel treatment at the hands of Franco. It has long been apparent that Franco will not of his own accord end the inhuman reprisals which have been going on unabated for more than 3 years. World-wide protest alone will halt the further slaughter of innocent men, women and children, whose only crime was to defend democracy in Spain."

LEADING SPEAKERS

Speakers at the open-air meeting will include: Fred P. Keller, Jr., Commander of the New York Post of the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade; Mrs. Maria Garcia, secretary of the Comites Femeninos Unidos; Alfredo Gonzalez,

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Heavy German Attack on Maginot Line Repulsed, Paris Says

BERLIN, April 14 (UP).—The German High Command, in a communique directly contradicting Great Britain's claim of a naval victory yesterday in Narvik harbor, today boasted that the enemy suffered a shattering defeat there when several British destroyers were wrecked or badly damaged.

"Big English attack on Narvik annihilatingly repulsed!" said bold headlines in newspapers, but there was no mention of the German navy's losses or of Britain's claims that seven Nazi destroyers had been sent to the bottom in the battle.

CLAIM "COSSACK" AGROUND
The 2,400-ton British destroyer "Cossack," which figured in the Almark incident inside Norwegian territorial waters on Feb. 16, was said by the German High Command to have been set on fire and driven aground.

The destroyer Eskimo, of the same class as the "Cossack," and several other destroyers were "heavily damaged or destroyed" when attacked by German warships and bombing planes during their attempt to seize the iron ore port 300 miles above the Arctic Circle, it was claimed.

In addition to boasting of a shattering victory over another British attempt to capture Narvik, the Germans said that their grip is "lighter than ever" on Norway's strategic coastal bases and that the Nazi army is extending its "protective" hold in the Oslo region against admitted heavy resistance.

Charging the British air force with bombing the civilian population of Bergen on Norway's west coast, the Nazi press made bold threats of reprisal air bombings of the British Isles.

BRITISH PLANES BOMB STAVANGER AGAIN

LONDON, April 14 (UP).—British planes today again heavily bombed the German-held seaport and air base of Stavanger on Norway's west coast and nearby Hafslofjord with heavy damage to Nazi planes, an Air Ministry announcement said.

BRITISH CLAIM MINING ENTIRE BALTIC

LONDON, April 14 (UP).—The Admiralty tonight claimed to have torpedoed the German pocket battleship Admiral Scheer.

The Allied mine field blockade of Germany, it was said in an official announcement, has been extended completely across the Baltic to the coasts of Lithuania and German East Prussia in an effort to trap the Nazi fleet.

Specifically the new mine field was said to cover all waters of the Kattegat and Baltic south of a line drawn from Aalborg, Denmark, to a point just north of Falkenberg, Sweden, and from a point off Lodeurup, Sweden, to the Lithuanian-East Prussian border.

ENTRAPPING MOVE

It was expected to:

1. Bottle up units of the German fleet based in Kiel.
2. Completely shut off the German and Danish coasts and virtually complete the stoppage of waterborne commerce to German ports from the world's sea lanes. This would include vital shipments of iron ore and dairy products from Sweden.
3. Interfere seriously with supplies moving to Germany from other Baltic countries.
4. Shut away from their homes

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Nazis Warn Holland Allies Plan Invasion

BERLIN, April 14 (UP).—Germany today warned Holland and Belgium to beware of an imminent Allied invasion.

The Nazi press said that Britain and France, after being defeated in their first experiment in expanding the theatre of war, were ready to strike at Holland and Southeastern Europe.

Chinese Continue Drive on Nanchang

Severe Fighting in Progress as Japanese Bring Up Reinforcements—Decisive Engagement Looms as Chinese Press Invaders

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

CHUNGKING, China, April 14.—Severe fighting continues around Nanchang, in northern Kiangsi province, with the Chinese showing increased offensive strength, reports from the battlefield said today.

The Chinese offensive is progressing successfully, with the Chinese having captured 20 enemy fortified points on the approaches to Nanchang.

The main Chinese forces, advancing on Nanchang from the west, have occupied Tsingan and Fenghsien and are now pursuing the retreating Japanese troops.

Furious battles are now being waged directly on the Japanese defense line at Nanchang, which has been almost completely isolated by interception of the railway to Klu-kiang, on the Yangtze River, by Chinese troops.

ENEMY REINFORCED

However, the Japanese have been able to bring up fresh reinforcements and the decisive battles are anticipated in a few days.

In South China, following two unsuccessful Japanese offensives north and southeast of Nanning, in southern Kwangsi province, the Japanese launched a third drive. This drive has met the same fate—failure.

The Japanese troops advancing southwest of Nanning were attacked by Chinese troops from the front and the rear, and were compelled to retreat to Nanning after suffering heavy losses.

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

CHUNGKING, April 14.—In northern Kiangsi province, around Nanchang, Chinese troops are continuing their offensive against the Japanese.

The offensive is organized in five columns driving from the east, west, northwest and the north.

On April 11 the southern column of Chinese troops reached Nanchang. The northwestern column is engaging the enemy at Poranyi, 40 kilometers (about 25 miles) northwest of Nanchang. The offensive is developing most successfully in the railroad district of Nanchang and Tsinking.

In the northeastern part of Hubei Province, Chinese units are waging another offensive in Ma-cheng, Chinese fighting in this district is remarkable. There is stubborn fighting and heavy losses on both sides. On April 7 Chinese anti-aircraft fire brought down a Japanese plane on the front at Chikang-shiangsi province.

The Japanese military base was bombed by the Chinese on April 12 at Nijochow, in the northern part of Hunan Province. Enemy troops were dislodged on April 9 by the Chinese from Tskow in the western part of Shansi Province.

In Germany: New Tubes Only for Old Ones

BERLIN, April 14 (UP).—Radio tubes may be purchased henceforth only if old tubes are returned at the same time, it was announced today.

Southern Youth Stress Right to Vote at Parley

Delegates Decri Danger of War at Human Welfare Meeting

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gap agencies have been established, but the puny appropriations for these agencies have assisted less than one fourth of our needy youth. Appropriations for these agencies were recommended to be cut below last year's appropriations in the President's budget message.

Dobbs assailed the secret police methods of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and endorsed the statement of John L. Lewis attacking increased appropriations for the FBI "to train men for industrial espionage."

FLAYS JIM CROW

Dr. James P. Jackson, young Negro pharmacist of Richmond, Va., speaking for the Southern Negro Youth Congress, called for an effective program to wipe out Jim Crow restrictions on the ballot, which he pointed out, deprive 95 percent of the South's Negroes of the right to vote.

He warned, however, that in some cases where the poll tax has been repealed, for example Florida and North Carolina, that Negroes are still denied the ballot through terror and other forms of intimidation.

He declared that the recent book by Richard Wright, "Native Son," has symbolized the frustration of young Negroes confronted with the multitude of barriers against economic security.

"This new book," he said, "is catching like a fire across the country. It is disturbing to the complacency of those who have sought to avoid the problems confronting the Negro people."

A high point of the afternoon youth session was the speech of Rajni Patel, young Indian National Congress representative, who compared the struggle of the dispossessed and disfranchised people in the South with the struggle of the people of India for liberation.

"Lord Halifax who is now a spokesman for 'democracy,'" Patel said "was responsible for the slaying of 100,000 Indian people who wanted democracy," he told the cheering delegates.

"I come from Greenville, S. C.," said H. E. McConnell, youthful head of the South Carolina Labor's Non-Partisan League, "the stronghold of the Ku Klux Klan," and told the delegates an unvarnished story of Klan violence and boss inspired terror in the textile city where James A. Brier, Negro teacher was recently brutally beaten by a masked mob. Brier sought to organize Negroes to demand the right to vote.

Oil Stove Blast Kills Four in N. J. Town

Four persons burned to death today when an oil stove exploded at 70 Mill St. and started a fire which badly damaged the building.

The victims were Mrs. Ella McCreery, 60, her husband, James, 45; her stepfather, John O'Hara, 84, and her granddaughter, Doris Jean Sidebottom, 6, who was visiting.

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A CLOSE-UP of the situation in the Skagerrak—the straits between Norway and Denmark—up to Oslo and Oslofjord is shown in this map. The British claim to have laid mine fields in the Skagerrak even the Kattegat, further east. The distances between key points in this area are broken lines.

Soviet-Finnish Frontier Fixed by Commission

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, April 14.—The Central Mixed-Frontier Commission, created immediately upon the signing of the peace treaty between the Soviet Union and Finland, announced here today that it had completed complete data and had decided upon the new frontier between the two countries.

The meetings, which were held in Viborg, were carried on in an atmosphere of complete mutual understanding. The procedure of demarcation has also been agreed on, it was announced.

The Soviet delegation consisted of Division Commander Vassilievsky, chairman; Division Commander Ivanov, Colonel Ivovlev and Mayevsky, who represented the People's Commissariat of Foreign Affairs. The Finnish delegation was composed of Professor Bonoroff, former Minister Hakel, General Applegren and Colonel Aminoff.

Report Italian Fleet at Entrance of Dardanelles

LONDON, April 14 (UP).—Balkan diplomats reported tonight that Premier Benito Mussolini has concentrated the Italian fleet in the Dodecanese Islands at the entrance to the Dardanelles.

According to information reaching the Balkan diplomats here, the movement of the Italian fleet into the strategic Dodecanese was believed to have been decided upon at Brennero last month.

The concentration of the Italian fleet in the eastern Mediterranean, simultaneous with Mussolini's reported preparations to call up 1,250,000 military reservists, obviously would be intended to cripple the Anglo-French-Turkish mutual aid pact.

The Italian fleet in the entrance to the Aegean and close to the Turkish coast would tend to restrain the Allies and Turkey from moving against Germany in the Balkans.

PRESSURE ON TURKEY

Presumably, Hitler and Mussolini are seeking to keep the Allies' Near Eastern pool of armed strength under guard around the Suez Canal and at the same time warn Turkey not to permit Allied warships to enter the Black Sea through the Dardanelles for any operations in the Danubian area.

The presence of the Italian fleet in the Dodecanese might give Turkey an excuse to refuse such an Allied request which, if granted, might have the immediate effect of spreading the war to the Balkans.

Soviet Union Expands Arctic Trade Route

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, April 14.—This year the northern sea route will transport 158,000 tons of cargo which is 12 per cent more than cargo transports for last year.

Ships will deliver industrial goods, building materials, foodstuffs and other articles of wide consumption from Dickson Island in Nordwick Gulf and Tixi Bay, at the mouth of Yana Tindigirka, and other parts from the far north.

Thirteen ice breakers in the Arctic and more than 100 cargo ships will take part in the 1940 polar navigation.

Fire Destroys Puerto Rican CP Print Shop

Incendiary Blaze Occurs as First Issue of New Paper Goes to Press

By Jane Andreu

(Special to the Daily Worker)

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico, April 14.—The printing press of the Communist Party of Puerto Rico was completely destroyed by fire on April 3, just as the first issue of the new Party publication "Verdad" was going to press.

At 2 o'clock in the afternoon the editor, Cesar Andreu, was reading the proofs, the fire was discovered and in a few minutes the whole shop was in a blaze. The inefficiency of the San Juan fire department and the fact that the pressure of the city water supply was so low that no water could be gotten for an hour, resulted in the complete destruction of the machines.

It is evident, from the origin of the blaze, that the fire was started by something burning having been pushed under the door into a pile of waste paper. The loss to the Party of Puerto Rico is tremendous as the press not only printed Party material, but was rented out to "Frente Libre," and to some extent relieved the financial problems of the Party. It was valued at about \$1,500 and was the gift of Puerto Rican workers living in New York.

PAPER LAUNCHED BY CONVENTION

The paper, which was in the press, was being printed as the result of decisions of the First National Convention of the Puerto Rican Party, held last February. The convention was attended by 36 delegates from 11 cities. It decided unanimously that the need of the Party was a regular full-sized weekly newspaper. The Puerto Rican Party, which is only five years old, had attempted a paper before.

In 1936 it had published the "Lucha Obrera" but after a year of not too regular appearance it had to be suspended because the young Party did not have sufficiently developed leadership to carry on its organizational and mass work and edit a paper as well. However, the convention agreed that now the Party had succeeded in developing a core of leadership that was sufficiently trained and mature to meet its basic tasks.

BUT THE PAPER WILL APPEAR

The decisions of the First Convention are to be fulfilled in spite of the calamity of the fire. The first issue of the paper is being rewritten and will go to another press today. The "Verdad" will guide the Party and the masses of Puerto Rico in their struggle for unemployment relief; against the making of their island into a "Mannheim Line"; for the organizing of the workers into the new progressive "General Confederation of Workers"; for the enforcement of the 500-Acre Law; for a correct and militant line in the Popular Democratic Party; and finally, for independence.

The "Verdad" will carry on its masthead the slogan "Bread, Land and Liberty" and for these fundamental demands of the people it will fight despite fire or flood.

Chicago Stirred by Youth Peace Drive

AYC in Peace Week Shakes City with Message That 'Yanks Are Not Coming'; Get 50,000 Petition Signatures in One Day

(Special to the Daily Worker)

CHICAGO, April 14.—Taking up labor's cry of "The Yanks Are Not Coming" and "Jobs, Not Guns," the American Youth Congress this week is engaging in a peace drive unparalleled in recent Chicago history.

Peace has been the keynote of neighborhood meetings, conversations, petition signing, parades and rallies since Chicago youth opened its campaign last Saturday.

The Youth Congress joined with labor, civic, social and church groups in a peace auto parade through the Loop Saturday, and the week's activities culminated Saturday.

James Carey, secretary of the CIO, will join Mrs. Roosevelt on the speaker's platform and will receive from her the Parent Magazine award as the youth who made the outstanding achievement of 1939. Joseph Cadden, executive secretary of the American Youth Congress and winner of the Parent Magazine award in 1938, will also speak.

50,000 SIGN PETITIONS

A campaign to obtain signatures on peace petitions has been the Youth Congress' No. 1 undertaking throughout the week. One hundred thousand signatures is the AYC's goal in Chicago, and half of that amount was collected in a concentrated drive on Saturday, April 6, Chicago's petition circulation is a part of a nationwide drive in which the Youth Congress expects to obtain more than 1,000,000 signatures.

Group meetings are being held in neighborhood and community houses to stress the necessity of America remaining out of any foreign entanglement. Numerous other forms of broadcasting the necessity of America's complete neutrality are being used in the week-long drive.

Fifty organizations in the Chicago Council of the American Youth Congress, with a membership of 100,000, are participating in the program. Jack Fishbein, chairman of the Chicago council, said in sounding the program's keynote: "The youth of America, like U. S. labor, knows the consequences of war. Even as many of labor's gains will be lost by declaration of war, so will the very lives of American youth be sacrificed. For America to enter war would be the greatest of folly, but, like labor, American youth realizes that we must constantly and unrelentingly demand peace, lest America be dragged into a foreign conflict against the will of its people."

He pointed out the go ahead signal given by the Roosevelt administration to the Dies committee in its war preparation. A unanimous resolution was passed condemning the Dies committee and an intensive campaign of letters and telegrams to the Dies committee was urged.

Mr. Poland of the Civil Liberties Committee also spoke. Mrs. Maude Steward, editor of the Guardian, sent greetings to the meeting.

Manila Fears Rice Famine, Seeks More Ships

MANILA, P. I., April 14 (UP).—

Finance Minister Manuel Roxas said today that the Philippine government was negotiating with the American, British and Norwegian governments, seeking to charter or purchase ships for service between the United States and the Philippines.

It was understood that the government was seriously concerned at the possibility that the Philippines might suffer a rice shortage due to lack of shipping between Indonesia and Siam and the Philippines.

Tokio Sees Possible Spread of War to Pacific

TOKYO, April 14 (UP).—The newspaper Hochi said editorially today that the European war would be extended to the Pacific area if the Netherlands became involved.

Hochi asked if war should spread to the Pacific "will the Japanese foreign office continue to declare a policy of non-involvement and permit the Pacific to be overrun by the British and American navies?"

JOHNNY GOT HIS GUN

By DALTON TRUMBO

CHAPTER XIV

He had lost all track of time. All his work to trap it all his counting and calculation of it might just as well never have happened. He had lost track of everything except the tapping. The instant he awakened he began to tap and he continued until the moment when drowsiness overcame him. Even as he felt asleep the last portion of his energy and thought went into the tapping so that it seemed he dreamed of tapping. Because he tapped while he was awake and dreamed of tapping while he was asleep his old difficulty in distinguishing between wakefulness and sleep sprang up again. He was never quite positive that he was not dreaming when awake and tapping when asleep. He had lost time so utterly that he had no idea how long the tapping had been going on. Maybe only weeks maybe a month perhaps even a year. The one sense that remained to him out of the original five had been completely hypnotized by the tapping and as for thinking he didn't even pretend to any more. He didn't speculate about the new night nurses in their comings and goings. He didn't listen for vibrations against the floor. He didn't think of the past and he didn't consider the future. He only lay and tapped his message over and over again to people on the outside who didn't understand.

The day nurse tried hard to soothe him but she did it only as if she were trying to calm an irritable patient. She did it in such a way that he knew he would never break through as long as she had her. It never seemed to

occur to her that there was a mind an intelligence working behind the rhythm of his head against the pillow. She was simply watching over an incurably sick patient trying to make his sickness as comfortable as possible. She never thought that he was a sickness and that he had found the cure for it that he was trying to tell her he was well he was not dumb any longer he was a man who could talk. She gave him hot baths. She shifted the position of his bed. She adjusted the pillow in back of his head now higher now lower. When she moved it higher the increased angle bent his head forward. After tapping for a time in this position he could feel pain shooting all the way down his spine and across his back. But he kept right on tapping.

She got to massaging him and he liked that she had such a brisk gentle touch to her fingers but he kept on tapping. And then one day he felt a change in the touch of her fingers. They were not gentle and brisk any longer. He felt the change through the tenderness of his touch he felt pity and hesitancy and a great gathering love that was neither him for her nor her for him but rather a kind of love that took in all living things and tried to make them a little more comfortable a little less unhappy a little more nearly like others of their kind.

He felt the change through the tips of her fingers and a sharp little twinge of disgust went through him but in spite of the disgust he was responding to the touch responding to the mercy in her heart that caused her to touch

him so. Her hands sought out the far parts of his body. They inflamed his nerves with a kind of false passion that fled in little tremors along the surface of his skin. Even while he was thinking oh my god it's come to this here is the reason she thinks I'm tapping goddam her god bless her what shall I do—even while he was thinking it he fell in with her rhythm he strained to her touch his heart pounded to a faster tempo and he fought everything in the world except the motion and the sudden pumping of his blood.

There was a girl named Ruby and she for him was the first. It was when he was in the eighth maybe the ninth grade. Ruby lived down in Teller Addition on the outside of the tracks. Ruby was younger than he maybe only in the sixth or seventh grade but she was a great big girl an Italian and very fat. All the boys in town somehow began with Ruby because she never embarrassed them. She came right to the point and that was that although once in a while you had to tell her she was pretty. But no other nonsense and if a guy didn't have any experience why Ruby never laughed at him and never told on him she just went right ahead and gave it to him.

The guys liked to talk about Ruby when there wasn't anything better to talk about. They liked to laugh about her in such talks and say oh no I never see Ruby any more I manage to get around I'm finding something new every day. But that was all talk because they were really very young guys and Ruby was the first and only girl they knew they were too

SYNOPSIS

Four years had passed since Joe Bonham, helpless and deaf and dumb and blind, had learned to tell time by counting the days. They had been long, lonely years but he had kept busy with his memories and with trying to chart movements around him by the vibrations he could feel in his bed springs. Then one day a group of strangers had come to his bedside and he felt them pin something on his chest and someone kissed him on both temples and he knew that the generals had come and presented him with a medal. It made him rightfully angry and he didn't want their damned medal and they had a lot of nerve coming to stand over him like that. He thrashed and grunted and rolled in his hospital cot hoping they could tell what he really thought of them and then they went away and he quieted down. But as they left their heavy vibrations gave him an idea. An idea so exciting he almost suffocated. Why couldn't he use vibrations to communicate with the outside world? When he was a kid he knew the Morse code. Why couldn't he tap out signals and break down the wall of silence around him? He tried it, tapping with his head, SOS, help. The nurse came into his room and he tapped frantically with his head against the pillow. She stood and looked and he hoped desperately she would understand. But she only stroked his forehead and ran her fingers through his hair and tried to calm him. He tapped all the harder, and she began pressing hard on his head to make him stop. He struggled against the weight of her hand, and he thought his neck would snap with the exertion and then he grew tired and weary and gave up and sank back exhausted and he knew she didn't understand.

shy with other girls with nice girls. They soon grew ashamed of Ruby and when they went down they would always feel a little dirty and a little disgusted. They came away blaming Ruby somehow for making them feel that way. By the time they got to the tenth grade none of them would ever speak to Ruby and finally she disappeared. She just wasn't around any more and they were all kind of glad they didn't have to meet her on the street.

There was Laurette down at Stumpy Telsa's place. Stumpy Telsa had a house in Shale City. She had five or six girls there and the finest pair of Boston buns in town. The guys when

they were young when they were maybe fourteen or fifteen used to wonder a great deal about Stumpy Telsa's place. For them it was the most wonderful the most exciting the most mysterious house in Shale City. They would hear stories from older guys of what went on down there. They could never quite decide whether they were for it or against it but they were always interested.

One night three of them went down through the alley in back of Stumpy Telsa's and crept through the back yard and tried to peek in through the kitchen door. There was a colored cook there making sandwiches and she saw them and let out a howl. Stumpy Telsa

came swinging into the kitchen on her peg leg and grabbed a butcher knife and came out into the back yard. They all ran like hell with Stumpy Telsa yelling after them that she knew who they were and she was going right inside and phone their folks. But it was a bluff. Stumpy hadn't seen their faces and she didn't telephone anybody.

Later on when they were seventeen or eighteen and practically ready to get out of high school he and Bill Harper decided the hell with talking about the place all the time so they went down to Stumpy Telsa's one night to find out for themselves. They walked right into the front room and nobody pulled a knife on them or anything. It was about eight o'clock and evidently things were not busy because Stumpy came into the parlor and talked to them and wasn't sore at all. They were too embarrassed to say anything to Stumpy about why they came and Stumpy didn't say anything to them about it either so it turned out to be just a visit. Stumpy called upstairs to the girls for a couple of them to come down and sit in the parlor and she told the colored woman to make up a plate of sandwiches. Then she went away. Alone in the parlor they could hear the two girls coming down from upstairs and they knew that now they were going to find out whether all the things they had heard about such places were true. Some guys said that the girls came right smack into the parlor stark naked and other guys said they'd never let you see them naked they always wore a kimono or something. Nothing

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But when the girls came down they were fully dressed. They were dressed better than most of the girls in Shale City and they were prettier than most of them too. They came in and sat down and they talked just like anybody else would talk. One of them seemed to like Bill Harper the

best and the other one seemed to like him. The one who liked him talked about books all the time. Had he read this had he read that and he hadn't read any of them and he got to feeling pretty much like a dummy. After about a half hour of munching sandwiches and talking about books Stumpy Telsa came in all beaming and told them it was time to go home. So they got up and shook hands with the two girls and went away.

(To Be Continued)



—Illustrated by Ellis

May Day Parley to Plan Parade Route

Conference Scheduled for Next Saturday at Webster Hall — Committee Issues Poster with Slogans for March

Chief among the reports to be made to the delegates at the Second May Day Conference, to be held at Webster Hall, Saturday, April 20, at 12 noon, will be the official route of the forthcoming parade it was announced yesterday.

The permit, granted to the United May Day Committee, specifies 36th St. to 39th St., between Eighth and 11th Aves., and 53rd St. to 56th St. between Eighth and 11th Aves., as formation-centers for the marchers. The parade will proceed through Eighth Ave., from 56th St. to 24th St. to Broadway, to Fifth Ave. to 17th St., and thence to Union Square.

Webster Hall, where the Second Conference will be held, is at 119 E. 11th St. The Youth Panel will meet promptly at noon; the general conference will begin at 1 P. M., and the special panel for the Women's Battalion for Peace will be held concurrently as will the conference for Spanish organizations.

In a bright red, white and blue poster issued by the United May Day Committee Uncle Sam calls on the workers of the United States to "March for Peace, Jobs and Civil Rights."

This poster, of which one thousand were issued Saturday, makes the declaration: "If you work for a living this is YOUR DAY," and shows the American origin of this workers' holiday by the dates: "Chicago, U.S.A., May 1, 1886" and "Everywhere May 1, 1940."

Milwaukee Plans May Day Demonstration

Court House Rally Will Demand Peace and Jobs

(Special to the Daily Worker)
MILWAUKEE, April 14.—The United May Day Arrangements Committee, at a meeting held Thursday evening at the hall of the United Shoe Workers Union, 227 W. Wells St., decided to hold a May Day demonstration on Wednesday, May 1, after working hours, with the program to begin at 4:30 P. M. The demonstration will be held at the County Courthouse, N. 9th and W. Kilbourn Ave.

Committees on publicity, finance, speakers, and floats and signs were elected, and plans set for a demonstration which, according to Arthur Ludvigsen, chairman of the session, "will show the powers that be that the laboring people of Milwaukee are united in their demands to defend the trade unions from the attacks of Wall St. and the Roosevelt administration, to win jobs for the unemployed and for the youth, and to keep America out of the war."

Present at the conference were delegates and observers from labor unions of the CIO, AFL and Railroad Brotherhoods, fraternal organizations, and the Workers Alliance.

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Delegates in Session at ACA Convention



General view of the convention of the American Communications Association, CIO, held last week in Chicago. Pres. Mervyn Nathanson set a five-year goal for the organization of the entire communications industry.

Negro Weekly Backs Lewis' 3rd Party Talk

Chicago Defender Says Negroes Can Find No Fault with His Program; Cites Government Inaction Against Growing Terror

(Special to the Daily Worker)
CHICAGO, April 14.—"John L. Lewis has taken the lead in a direction with which Negro America can certainly find no fault," says the current issue of the Chicago Defender leading Negro weekly, in praise of Lewis' speech that the people may form their own third Party.

The full text of the editorial, entitled "Mr. Lewis speaks his mind," said:

"John L. Lewis has taken the lead in a direction with which Negro America can certainly find no fault. Speaking in West Virginia before the United Mine Workers, he called for the nomination of a man by the Democratic party who:

"Adopts a platform satisfactory to labor and the common people.
"We can only say amen to this.
"If the Democratic party should fall in this, the alternative, says Mr. Lewis, is a third party.
"Not a single solitary suggestion, said the C. I. O. leader, is being made in America on how to provide Americans with work."
"For the two major parties, this is all too true.

"Well might the miners' leader have mentioned the fact that the axe is now falling upon the heads of almost a million W. P. A. workers.

F. B. I. BLIND TO TERROR
"These are facts for Negroes to ponder. The Ku Klux Klan rides again, and the government sees no evil, although the murderous hooded gangsters are directing their attacks at black men and women who are seeking to exercise their constitutional rights.

"Fosage stinks to high heaven in the South, particularly in Georgia and the FBI and the other sections of the Department of Justice close their eyes.

"America is as much in need of a party which moves in the direction of the people, as it was just before the Civil War. Then, neither the Democrats nor the Whigs had a program to meet the needs of the moment. The Republican party owes its birth to the bankruptcy of the two old parties.

"Today, black America is offered very little hope for a brighter day. Political bankruptcy is evident on all sides. The bankruptcy of an economic program is clear as we gaze at the millions of unemployed of whom the Race furishes so large a quota.

"The people demand a return to a strengthened New Deal program. The party that stands for jobs, relief, social security, peace and democracy is the party that the masses of the people will support."

all branches of the YCL; to develop the widest mass activity and recruiting in the whole period preceding the convention.

MASS DELEGATION
"The National Board of the YCL proposes that a mass fraternal delegation from the YCL attend the National Nominating Convention of the Communist Party. It therefore urges all districts to work out the basis for the election of large fraternal delegations to the convention, choosing for this honor those comrades who have the closest ties with the basic sections of youth, who have distinguished themselves in the struggle for the interests of the youth, in recruiting into the YCL, in building the circulation of the Review. Such elections should be organized by the District Boards of the Communist Party in relation to the Convention.

"Let the National Nominating Convention of the Communist Party be a stimulus to the campaign for youths' participation on the side of labor and Socialism, against the war makers in the coming period of time."

"The National Board of the YCL calls upon all districts and branches of the YCL throughout the country to participate fully and enthusiastically in all preparations for the National Nominating Convention of the Communist Party; to organize discussions on the Convention in

Renew Talks On Wages in Big-Fair Show

Hopes Revived That Big Spectacle Will Be Produced

A hope that the \$500,000 "American Jubilee" may yet be produced at the World's Fair was renewed yesterday when it became known that Fair officials and representatives of the American Federation of Labor will meet today with the State Mediation Board.

The project was called off Saturday when the World's Fair Corporation refused to meet wage demands.

The Jubilee is the only one under management of the Fair Corporation. Union demands were for a \$45-a-week minimum for chorus performers, a closed shop and a \$15-a-week allowance during rehearsals. The Fair offered only \$40.

Rehearsals stopped on Thursday. The meeting will start at 10 A. M. this morning in the Board's offices, 250 W. 57th St.

The Stagehands' Union denied that demands had been excessive. Approximately \$300,000 has been spent in preparing the Jubilee building and the show. The show would employ about 600 persons in all. Casting had been completed and costumes started. The Jubilee building was to seat 7,000 persons.

Officials of the American Guild of Variety Artists will also meet today with Billy Rose to demand a contract for \$45 a week minimum.

"If we do not get a contract from Rose, we will move to call off rehearsals," said H. S. Haddock, secretary of the AGVA.

Policeman Looks in Car, Finds Body

Dead Man Discovered in Car Parked in Front of Hospital

Patrolman Connolly of the Charles St. station yesterday looked into a car parked in front of the St. Vincent Hospital and found a dead man with a bullet wound in the right arm, one in the right leg, and one in the stomach.

The murdered man was identified as Charles T. Brady, 32, a police character. His death was believed to have been merely the result of a case brawl.

The car belonged to him. He registered it under an alias, Charles Parley.

Brady had been separated from his wife and his two sons for some time. In 1936 Mrs. Brady had him arrested for non-support and the court ordered him to pay her \$3 weekly. Police said he earned his money by minor racketeering activity.

Brady had been arrested several times but never convicted. He received a suspended sentence of December, 1938, on a Sullivan Law violation, and still had a vagrancy case pending against him.

Jewish Rally In Chicago to Hear Foster

Communist Leader Will Discuss 'War and the Jews' Tomorrow

(Special to the Daily Worker)
CHICAGO, April 14.—William Z. Foster, National Chairman of the Communist Party, will discuss the "War and the Jews" on Tuesday, April 16, 8 P. M., at a mass meeting in the Temple Judea, 1227 S. Independence Boulevard, Chicago.

This will be Foster's first appearance in many years on the West Side of Chicago, the largest Jewish community in the Midwest. The rally is under the auspices of the 24th Ward Branch of the Communist Party and the Chicago Council of Jewish Communists.

Seek Exoneration For Front Suicide Victim

Vindication for Claus Gunther Ernecke, 26, suicide defendant in the Christian Front sedition trial, will be sought by his lawyer, Leo M. Healy, when the trial of Ernecke's 16 alleged fellow plotters resumes today in Brooklyn Federal Court.

Last week, in the absence of Ernecke from the trial, the court ruled his fate be pooled with that of the defendants present. Lawyer Healy will ask that this status be continued.

The judge will be asked to clarify the admissibility of a 200-page statement Ernecke made to Healy. The entire court session today will be devoted to a continued cross-examination of the Government's star witness, Denis A. Healy.

The witness, whose collapse in court caused an adjournment of the trial from Wednesday until Friday, and then a second postponement to today, testified he received from Ernecke the first hint of the alleged plot to overthrow the Government.

C. P. Urges Veto of Devany-Martin Bill

Measure Attacks Civil Rights of Civil Service Employees and Threatens to Restore Spoils System, Letter to Lehman Declares

Israel Amter, State Chairman of the Communist Party, in a memorandum submitted to Governor Lehman yesterday urged the veto of the Devany-Martin Bill. Extracts from the brief follow:

"The Devany-Martin Bill is an un-American violation of the Bill of Rights. The constitutional guarantees of freedom of speech, press and assembly were not intended for one group, or selected groups of our population, but for all the people. This bill singles out all employees of the state or any division or city thereof, and as to them it creates conditions which would in effect stifle all freedom of thought.

"The Devany-Martin Bill is directed against the basic foundation of our civil service system. Our nation for many years witnessed a struggle against the vicious spoils system. But here is presented an opportunity for the revival of the spoils system. Clearly, we can see the possibilities created as a result of this legislation, for wholesale unjustified accusations and dismissals of persons in the public employ, every time there is a change of administration.

"Here is the measure reaction has been waiting for. Here is the means for threatening advocates of socially useful improvements, for threatening the existence of trade unions and for stifling all progressive thought and action.

"It furnishes an unconstitutional tool whereby the Civil Service Authorities can clamp down on any individual under their control because of personal, political or other differences; it turns those authorities into a Hitlerite bureaucracy and makes it possible for them to vent their spleen or personal prejudice against those whom they wish to see removed.

"The legislation violates the first essentials of due process. The type of legislation that this is, is evident from the type of procedure it prescribes. Thus, the authorities have it at their command to listen to any testimony they wish, ex parte, and then issue an order of dismissal. Thereupon, if the employee has the money, he can hire a lawyer and procure an order to show cause in order to stay the dismissal and bring about a hearing. A more obvious type of 'guilt-until-proved-innocent-legislation' is yet to be thought of."

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Proposed Rail Bill Perils Retirement Act

The threat to the welfare of rail labor contained in the Omnibus Transportation Bill (Wheeler-Lea Bill S-2009) is almost as manifold as its name implies. In previous railroad articles (appearing every Monday in the Daily Worker) we have dealt with the bill itself and a number of its treacherous features.

Today we will deal with the threat to the very existence of the Railroad Retirement Act without the Harrison Amendment.

While it is not our intention to discuss the Act as such, it should be noted that the Act has some very serious shortcomings. A lot can and should be done by railroad labor to improve on the present provisions of the Act and, related to that, the ability clauses and the problem of questions of "disability" and the problem of "compulsory retirement."

OTHER THREATS

It should also be noted here that there are also other threats against the Retirement Act. There are "confidential" stories emanating from Washington to the effect that the Act should be abolished and that rail labor be placed under the provisions of the Social Security Act. This would certainly reduce the benefits railway labor is entitled to under the present Act.

These stories, which if not inspired by the carriers certainly receive their blessings, are intended to serve the additional purpose of scaring the workers and weakening their struggle against this "Omnibus Bill" and similar schemes designed to undermine the standard of living of the railroad workers and their families.

All its shortcomings notwithstanding, the Railroad Retirement Act should be defended by railway labor and their friends. The members of the Standard Railway Labor Organizations and their leaders should adopt motions and resolutions urging their respective Grand Lodges to initiate a nation-wide struggle to defeat the Omnibus Bill if it does not contain the Harrison Amendment.

AIMED AT ACT

Speaking before the House of Representatives on Feb. 18, 1940, Congressman C. Arthur Anderson of Missouri declared in part:

"This Wheeler-Lea bill as passed by the Senate (without the Harrison Amendment—Ed) has in view, in my opinion, the destruction of the Railroad Retirement Act so that the railroads could save approximately \$30,000,000 a year in pay-roll tax, reducing by that figure the income derived by the board (Railroad Retirement Board—Ed) from its collections."

Analysing the effect of the Omnibus Transportation Bill upon the Railroad Retirement Act, A. F. Whitney, national president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, declared in part:

"In establishing an actuarially sound basis for the Railroad Retirement Act, the total pay roll in the railroad industry was a vital consideration as a means of calculating the future income from taxes levied under the Carriers Taxing Act. Such data was furnished the Secretary of the Treasury. Even on the basis of a pay roll of \$2,200,000,000 (averaged over 8 years), the Secretary of the Treasury felt that the recommended tax rate was inadequate, and he insisted upon an increase of one-fourth of 1 per cent tax upon both the carriers and their employees, which rate was adopted."

It stands to reason that any reduction in the national pay-roll will make necessary on the one hand a further increase in the tax rate paid by the employees from their pay check and on the other will of necessity seriously endanger the solvency of the Act to the point of destruction.

We continue the remarks of Mr. Whitney:

"We are now threatened with at least a 25-per cent reduction in the number of railroad employees, should the so-called omnibus transportation bill, now before a joint conference committee of the Senate and House, become a law, without the Harrison Amendment. The Wall Street Journal is convinced that if this bill is enacted, widespread railroad consolidations will follow. In the January 17, 1940, issue of the Journal, the following appears:

"The savings, main purpose of mergers, and increase in efficiency in consolidation probably would be substantial. . . . Estimates have been made that if all of the possible or logical consolidations and coordinations were an accomplished fact, savings in railroad operations of as much as \$500,000,000 annually could be brought about."

"It is reliably estimated that 80 per cent of the savings from consolidations will come from the pay rolls of railroad workers. Thus, \$400,000,000 will be taken annually from the workers if the railroad bankers' program of consolidations is carried out, and the transportation bill proposes to place the initiative and encouragement for consolidations in the hands of the railroads and their bankers. There will accordingly be \$400,000,000 less annually on which to collect taxes under the Carriers Taxing Act, which

35 Truck Union Leaders On Trial Today

Charges Brought Under Anti-Trust Law 2 Years Ago

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as chief defense counsel for the defendants. Louis B. Boudin and Edward McGuire will also assist in the preparation of the case.

That the government has a weak case and is hiding its real purpose in prosecuting these union members is indicated by the fact that Attorney Cahill dropped similar charges against the 41 other union members. The anti-trust laws, labor leaders point out, were never intended to be used against trade unions, and show that such stretching of the law is being used to break up the organized labor movement and to destroy the civil and democratic rights of the American people as one of the steps toward war.

Defendants who have been scheduled for trial today have organized public opinion and financial support for their families while they are in court.

At the present tax rate of 6 per cent, would reduce the tax income \$24,000,000 annually. Although there would be this fatal reduction in tax income, there would be no corresponding concurrent reduction in benefits payable under the Retirement Act, for the reason that railroad consolidations would eliminate those of shortest seniority and hence farthest, in point of time, from receiving benefits under the act. This, of course, would also have the effect of raising the average age level and the average years of service of those employees remaining in the industry.

"These are vital rights of railway employees that are seriously threatened by enactment of the omnibus transportation bill. But what of the spectacle of increasing unemployment when the Nation's welfare is already seriously threatened by the millions of unemployed? Even if we use the fictitious estimate of the average annual wage in the railroad industry, based upon the middle-of-the-month count, a \$400,000,000 reduction in pay rolls would be equivalent to the elimination of approximately 225,000 jobs. Of course, in estimating job losses through consolidations, we must realize that those of the shortest service period and receiving the lowest annual earnings would be eliminated first. Consequently, a \$400,000,000 reduction in the railroad pay roll could easily result in the elimination of as many as 350,000 jobs in the railroad industry alone, not to mention the deflating effect upon other industries and small business in communities throughout the Nation.

"When we consider that the railroad pay roll right now is far below the figure on which the Retirement Act was based, it is entirely possible that if railroad bankers are given their way, and their consolidation program is carried out with the permission of Congress through enactment of the omnibus transportation bill, the tax rate under the Railroad Retirement Act will have to be increased by at least 35 per cent, if the solvency of that act is to be maintained.

"These facts show again the national folly of ever hoping to achieve social security for the masses, while impairing mass purchasing power either by reducing wages or increasing the already serious number of unemployed.

"There is only one hope for railroad employees, and for the public generally, and that is the Harrison Amendment to the omnibus transportation bill, which was passed by the House of Representatives last July, and which reads as follows:

"Provided, however, That no such transaction (consolidation, merger, purchase, lease, operating contract or acquisition of control) shall be approved by the Commission if such transaction will result in unemployment or displacement of employees of the carrier or carriers, or in the impairment of existing employment rights of said employees."

"The Harrison Amendment will prevent the destruction of more than a quarter of a million railroad jobs in the interests of Wall Street railroad bankers and coupon clippers. Unless the Congress retains the Harrison Amendment, or defeats the omnibus transportation bill, railroad workers and our citizens and businessmen may look forward not only to the loss of at least one-fourth of their number in employment, but also to an unbearably large increase in their taxes under the Railroad Retirement Act, if the solvency of that act is to be maintained."

Rose 'Victory' Challenged as Fraud, Forgery

Watson Progressives Reject Framed Election

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ing from the small upstate counties by more than 2 to 1.

But the Watson vote began to pile up when the committeemen cast their votes in person from the city's five counties. Watson took New York City two to one.

When Mr. Hoffman finally announced the "election" of Antonini he gave two sets of figures. The first figures, compiled by the old guard, showed 412 for Antonini and 319 for Watson. The second set of figures, compiled by the progressives, and including all proxy votes according to Mr. Hoffman's ruling, showed Antonini 378 and Watson 344.

The progressive claim that, according to Hoffman's rulings, which they dispute, Antonini could have won only by a majority of 42. The old guard claimed a majority of 93.

Having claimed the chairman-ship following the much-disputed roll call, the old guard then hauled out the steam roller. Antonini permitted disorder and noise to prevail.

Members of the old guard who had failed to be elected to the state committee crowded on the stage. Among the defeated committeemen who now came to life were Julius Hochman, joint board member of the International Ladies' Garment Workers Union, and Morris Novik, municipal radio station director.

Among non-members of the committee on the stage were Morris Ernst, attorney recently revealed as an advisor of the Dies Committee; Samuel Null, defeated committee member from Manhattan; Joseph B. O'Leary, also defeated as a committeeman, and Secretary Alex Rose himself, who failed in the election in his own district.

With this gathering of lame ducks around him, Antonini called for the election of a secretary. Rose and Connolly were nominated. A viva voce vote was called. Most of the votes seemed to go to Connolly.

Confusion reigned on the platform. Antonini dropped the gavel and said he would have to call for another vote. Charles Zimmerman, Lovestonette of Local 22 of the ILGWU rushed over to Antonini. The two disputed furiously.

"Declare Rose elected," he shouted.

DROP ALL PRETENSE

Antonini picked up the gavel and declared Rose the winner.

He also declared Andrew R. Armstrong elected as treasurer, refusing to consider the nomination of Elmer Brown, president of the Typographical Union, Local No. 6.

A motion was jammed through to increase the number of vice-presidents from six to fifteen and the following, all old guard members, were declared vice-chairmen on the executive committee: Emil Rieve, of the Textile Workers Union; Jacob Potofsky, Amalgamated Clothing Workers; Frederick Umhey, lawyer; Louis Hollander, Amalgamated Clothing Workers; Morris Ernst, lawyer; Dorothy Belanca, Amalgamated Clothing Workers; Paul Blanshard, lawyer; Frank Crosswath, Socialist; Arthur Higgins; Alexander Kahn, business manager of the Jewish Daily Forward; John Buckley, of Buffalo; Joseph B. O'Leary, of the City Department of Purchases; Grace Gosselin, social worker; Julius Hochman, of the ILGWU; and Abraham Chasman, of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of Rochester.

The old guard hand-picked vice-presidents, it was noted by the progressives, fail to represent a broad trade union membership of the state. Not represented are the transport workers, maritime workers, teachers, civil service workers, restaurant workers, shipbuilders and workers affiliated to other large and basic unions in the state.

It was also noted that no representation was given to upstate farmers.

The 17th, 18th and 20th Manhattan districts split their votes giving 8 to Watson and 7 to Antonini.

It was reported earlier that Mayor LaGuardia had injected himself into the convention fight. He is said to have urged certain ALP leaders to rally votes for the pro-Roosevelt Rose group.

John L. Lewis, it was learned, is backing the progressives who are advocating the linking up of all labor groups in the country into a strong labor third party anti-war movement.

By decision of the convention the state committee will meet later in the year to nominate a presidential candidate. The aim of the Rose faction is to jam through the nomination of Roosevelt despite the need of the labor movement to play an independent role against both parties aimed at scuttling social security and dragging the U. S. into the European war.

Old guard members, in their nominating speeches, attempted to make it appear the progressives were opponents of the New Deal.

Connolly, in nominating Watson, pointed out that Roosevelt had abandoned the social program of the New Deal, that the progressives stood four-square for the New Deal, but not for the present relief-cutting, anti-labor and pro-war attitude of the Washington administration.

LaGuardia's Budget Fails to Meet The People's Needs, Declares C. P.

Board of Estimate Hearing on Budget

Public hearings on the proposed New York City budget will take place at City Hall on April 16 at 2:30 P. M. and April 17 at 10 A. M. The Board of Estimate must take final action by April 27. It can increase or decrease appropriations. Large numbers of progressive representatives are expected to attend in the interests of social expenditures.

The Mayor opened his budget message with the proud words, "This is a balanced budget." But the Mayor glosses over, with his usual practiced skill, the social cost of this balancing. The budget has been balanced at the expense of broken lives, broken homes, broken health and broken opportunities.

Those who howl for "economy" will say that the budget is "completely normal" if not completely satisfactory (Mayor's budget message). Following the Mayor's lead, the bankers and their Citizens' Committee stooges will intensify their shouts for retrenchment. As a result of the economy budget they will reap a richer harvest from their eight billion dollars of city real estate and their two billion dollars of city bonds.

JOINS REACTIONARIES

There was a time when the Mayor proudly declared: "The budget will increase each year. It must necessarily increase with the growth of the city and with the demands for new services and extensions of existing municipal services." (Mayor's budget message of 1939). In his executive budget of 1940, it is apparent that the Mayor has joined the pack in the hunt for "economy." At the opening session of the City Council, he pleaded on bended knee against local laws involving appropriations. The conservative budget estimates of his own city departments heading the various city departments have been cut by 52 million dollars. In outright figures, the proposed budget is cut by \$6,400,000 below last year. Actually, as the Mayor admits, it is \$22,000,000 less.

These are times of great economic distress for the common people. In greater numbers they turn to government for assistance. The Mayor's budget denies this assistance. The hardest-hit victim of the proposed budget is the youth of our city. Almost \$8,000,000 in Board of Education requests are turned down. The evening elementary schools are cut one-sixth for a saving of \$55,000. The evening high schools are cut \$260,000. The evening trade schools are cut. The day elementary and high schools are denied hundreds of teachers, though the Board of Education request was itself inadequate. Voluntary continuation classes and after school athletic centers are completely eliminated. The number of community and recreation center teachers is cut 50 per cent. Summer vacation playground teachers are cut 40 per cent.

The Mayor denied 29 inspectors to the Department of Housing and Buildings. He has forgotten his rush trips to tenement fires.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT CUT

The Health Department asked for \$7,000,000 to take care of a city of 7,500,000 people. It was cut \$2,400,000. The Mayor denied a request for 170 public health nurses. The Mayor denied a request for 36 clerks, this means there will be agonized hours of waiting at health centers. The Mayor put 342 doctors and dentists on a per diem basis, depriving them of their previous permanent annual status.

The Park Department request was cut almost 20 per cent. \$25,000 is saved by dropping 19 playground directors. \$30,000 is saved by eliminating many summer-time playground directors. The Mayor cut out two thirds of the request for library books. He reduced child welfare benefits to relief levels. The miserable 8-cents a meal relief budget is maintained, though the Mayor's own Grimm committee recommended a 40 per cent increase.

There is no section of the working population which does not suffer from this budget. The hard-working civil service employees are especially mistreated. The needy veterans had their appropriations cut \$1,000,000 below last year.

The Mayor justifies his budget on the ground that the city faces financial difficulties. The Communist Party urged the Mayor during the State Legislative session to fight for additional sharing of state revenues, or as an alternative for expansion of the city's taxing power. The Mayor did not do so. Instead, he sat down with the Republican financial expert, Mr. Moffat, and cooperated in creating the very financial difficulties of which he now complains.

It is not too late to remedy this situation. Let the Mayor prepare a supplemental budget to meet vital necessities. Let him submit it to the City Legislature for concurrence. Let him submit it to the Governor with request for a special session of the State Legislature to enact remedial tax legislation. Additional revenues can be made available at Albany.

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The Communist Party proposed to the Governor and State Legislature a series of specific tax measures to produce \$130,000,000 in revenue.

IMMEDIATE PROGRAM

Pending a special Albany session, remedies within the city's power are available. If the Mayor wishes to find money for a social budget, he can be successful. He has the assistance of keen financial experts. We offer the following suggestions:

1.—A ten per cent cut in debt service to the bankers. The Mayor exacted a voluntary ten per cent cut from higher-bracket employees on the theory that they could afford it. It is not the same more true

of the bankers? Should not the bankers also be asked to take a cut and thus save the city over \$15,000,000?

2.—Restore the water rates formerly imposed with exemptions for small home owners.

3.—Impose a fine on every major violator of the Multiple Dwelling Law. This will net several million dollars and at the same time improve housing conditions.

4.—Increase the Comptroller's estimate of anticipated general fund revenues. These estimates fail to take cognizance of sky-rocketing profits and increased realty earnings. The present estimates unduly restrict possible appropriations.

5.—Increase the assessments on utility properties. Some start has been made in this direction. Eliminate unjustified tax exemptions.

6.—Cancel the \$600,000 restoration of higher bracket salary cuts.

The people of New York will not accept a budget which takes the road back to the anti-social budgets of the Tammany days. It is the duty of all progressives to attend the budget hearing before the Board of Estimate on April 16th and 17th and let their voices be heard in behalf of a budget to meet the need of the people.

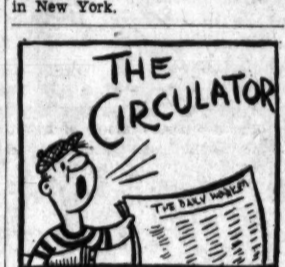
Spain Aid Parley Sets Up New Organization

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mittee, with headquarters in the United States, through which relief efforts would be centralized; sending of a delegation to France to ascertain conditions and needs of the refugees; sending of a delegation to Santo Domingo to aid in providing adequate relief to 3,000 Spanish refugees already there and to arrange for further emigration.

The conference voted to send telegrams to President Franklin D. Roosevelt, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, John L. Lewis, President of the CIO, and William Green, President of the A. F. of L., urging their support of refugee relief efforts.

Miss Josephine Trustow Adams was honorary chairman of the conference and Prof. Edwin Berry Burgum was chairman. Speakers included Prof. Lyman R. Bradley, Dr. William Leider, Michael Nisselson, Miss Felice Clark, executive secretary of the Greater New York Committee, Mrs. Ernestina Gonzales, of the Comites Fernandinos Unidos, Ferdinand Smith, national secretary of the National Maritime Union, Ray Kuntz of the Furriers Joint Council, David McKelvey White, of the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, Madeline Biltstein, of the Philadelphia chapter, Emma Pearl of the Boston chapter, George Starr, of the International Workers Order, and Mrs. Florentine Sherman, chairman of the Women's Division in New York.



It's time to make final preparations for the April 28th issue of the Sunday Worker which will feature news of the National Negro Congress. This issue deserves major attention. A neighborhood distribution of leaflets announcing the issue will help the work. Our efforts with the April 28th Sunday Worker should go far toward winning us a wider readership among the Negro people.

Branches in the 2nd A. D. Kings, report unusual results in organized canvassing with the Daily and Sunday Worker. The system is simple; first the A. D. group picks a concentration point—usually an apartment house. Then they distribute leaflets saying that someone will call on them with a free copy of the Daily Worker. Each group member then visits those who have received leaflets and leaves a free copy of the paper.

On Sunday they canvass the same people for sale of the Sunday Worker. The result has been that 30 percent of all those visited have bought the Sunday Worker—which is better than the Fuller Brush man ever dreamed of doing. With a 30 percent return on each new distribution of the leaflets, the section hopes to build a substantial list of new readers—and new Party members.

Reminder to all districts: Don't forget one important aspect of the work of getting subs for the Daily and Sunday Worker. The expirations. A close follow-up on all expired subs is essential if we are to build our subscriber's list. Remember that it is possible to get twice as many new subs, and still lose in circulation, if the expirations are heavy.

The annual May Day edition of the Daily Worker will appear on Wednesday, May 1st, this year. Labor will march for peace and jobs. Our paper will be the only daily paper on the streets which clearly offers leadership and builds unity in the struggle for peace. It must make itself felt at all May Day demonstrations in all cities.

We will also have a leaflet prepared for distribution at the May Day parade. Every section must assign two comrades to assist in the distribution of these leaflets along the line of march. The leaflets will be available by the end of the coming week.

There is no better way of guaranteeing a successful May Day than by bringing the Sunday Worker to thousands of people these two Sundays before the parade. From now on we'll have plenty of May Day news. Let's get it to the people!

Build the Party

- New York's Recruiting Tempo Rises
- Dies—A Big Help in Philadelphia
- Y.C.L. Launches Drive of Its Own

Scattered reports from New York show that the two-month Communist membership drive is taking hold and is setting the pace for the Party nationally.

In a statement on the development of New York's recruiting campaign, State Chairman Israel Amter pointed out that March showed a 58 per cent increase over the recruiting rate of February.

Reports from parts of New York City for the past two weeks indicate that a tempo in the new members take-in is rising and April will show a still greater increase.

This column committed the serious error last Monday in stating that New York aims to achieve a 10 per cent membership increase by May 30, the date when the two-month drive concludes.

THE AIM IS A FIFTEEN PER CENT INCREASE

Hand-in-hand with the recruiting drive will go a thorough canvass of all Communists on the rolls in 1939 who have not yet registered for 1940.

The Waterfront Section still holds the top in recruiting but the Midtown Industrial section of Manhattan is fast climbing up, with 25 new members during the first 10 days of April, among them three Negro workers.

KEEN COMPETITION DEVELOPING

The Lower Harlem Section which is out to beat the East Harlem section, took in eight members in the first week of April. In all March that section took in a total of eight. The tobacco workers unit is doing best work in this.

But the East Harlem section has recruited 19 new members in the first ten days of April. In all March that section recruited a total of 17. Of the 38 new members—men and women who have no use for Martin Dies and great love for the Communist Party—there are 13 Negroes, nine Italian-Americans, two Finnish-Americans, three Puerto Ricans, two French-Americans and two German-Americans.

Of the fourteen new members the 3rd and 5th A.D. of the Chelsea and Hells Kitchen area, the Greek branch brought in seven. Of the 14 nine are industrial workers. The section is concentrating on recruiting waterfront workers who live in that district.

The 22nd A.D. Kings, brought in seven members in the first week of April on the quota of 50 new members it set for itself.

The 7th A.D. Bronx, took in during the first week of April 8 members—as many as it did in the entire month of March. The A.D. is accomplishing much through its weekly women's forum.

AN APPROPRIATE REPLY TO DIES

The following letter from Comrade Maude White of Philadelphia speaks for itself, and is just one of the many examples to prove that the people are holding Martin Dies in contempt and are answering him with applications to join the Communist Party.

She writes:

Seven Negro workers joined the Communist Party at a ward meeting on Wednesday night. This was the day following the illegal raid on the Communist Party office by the Dies Committee. The rain poured that night with plenty of thunder and lightning. The newspapers screamed with stories about the raid. Every hour—on the hour—one station blared out news about the Dies raiders. Nevertheless the Negro people came to the meeting.

The meeting had been well prepared. The branch members had met these Negro workers during the signature campaign to place the Communist Party on the ballot. The Sunday following the drive a few of the members visited about sixty homes selling the Sunday Worker, explaining and spreading the Communist message to the Negro people. They invited them to the Wednesday night meeting at which I spoke. However, the members did not stop there. On the evening of the meeting they went for some of these workers. The organizer of the branch brought a car load.

The program consisted of three or four numbers including the Ballad for Americans, a skit, a speaker and a song from Langston Hughes' play "Don't You Want to Be Free." Seven workers willing to fight for freedom and peace came forward—took the pledge and signed application blanks for the Communist Party.

The Negro people are not afraid of raids. They have experienced too many of them. The Dies Committee bears the earmarks of the Ku Klux Klan and similar outfits that are lynching and terrorizing the Negro people even today. In the persecution of the Communist Party and its leaders the Negro people are reminded of the persecution of the abolitionists and the abolition movement. The Negro people are moving closer to the Communist Party. The work of the Party branches in the Negro neighborhood around such issues as jobs, housing, health, adequate relief, anti-lynching bill, civil liberties and peace will bring many Negro workers into the Party.

FOR 1,500 NEW YCLERS HERE

New York is setting the pace for the Young Communist League's nation-wide League-Building campaign with a goal of 1,500 new members to be achieved. Plans for New York's part in the drive were made last week at a rally of 800 YCL leaders addressed by John Gates, acting secretary of the New York Division. Gates pledged the YCL to lead a ceaseless struggle on our part to insure that the YANKS ARE NOT COMING and that the "best guarantee for our success is building a mass League of workers, Negro youth, students and farm youth that will be a powerful instrument for peace, progress and socialism."

New York and other YCL districts like Maryland, California, Michigan, Ohio and Illinois, have organized membership drives on their own. To coordinate the many local and regional drives under way these past few months the National Council of the League has undertaken to organize a nation-wide membership campaign.

Choosing May 30, the date of the National Convention of the Communist Party, as the conclusion of the drive, the YCL is offering the best League-Builders the opportunity of being elected as national delegates to the Party Convention. In New York, the State's best Division will be host to the State's YCL Convention, and the State's best branch will receive a mimeograph machine.

From all parts of the country reports of new ways to build the YCL are expected to come in. Together with the Party, New York is developing a "begin at home" recruiting plan. YCL-Parent parties are arranged, through which parents who are in the Party will help recruit their sons and daughters into the YCL, and YCLers will help bring their parents into the Party.

Berlin Claims Victory; Allies Widen Blockade

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ports all German naval and merchant ships now on the high seas or in neutral ports.

The laying of the mine field was completed early this morning, the Admiralty said.

The Admiralty did not say how the mines were laid.

(The Stockholm newspaper Allehanda, commenting on the probable difficulties of mining the entire Danish and German Baltic coastline, suggested that the mines must have been laid mainly from the air.)

PARIS, April 14 (UP).—German troops tested the strength of the Maginot Line in a furious barrage and mass attack east of the Moselle River and were repulsed, military dispatches said today.

The attack, centered on advance

lines east of the Moselle, started with a furious artillery barrage accompanied by flanking box fire. Enemy shocktroops plunged in a mass charge simultaneously with a super-barrage of the heaviest guns, the dispatch said, but French counter-fire from batteries unaffected by the German heavy shells churned up the terrain against the advancing troops and the advance was halted at the secondary lines.

ITALY HINTS AT ENTERING WAR

ROME, April 14 (UP).—A direct reference to the possibility that Italy will enter the European war in the near future was made tonight by Giovanni Ansaldo, editor-in-chief of Italian Foreign Minister Count Galeazzo Ciano's L'Espresso newspaper, in a radio broadcast to Italy's armed forces.

CIO, AFL Unions Rally in Support of 3rd Negro Congress

Endorsements Pour in From Many Groups

Washington CIO Rally Gives Wholehearted Backing

(Special to the Daily Worker)
WASHINGTON, April 14.—It was announced here yesterday that scores of outstanding labor groups have already indicated their endorsement of the Third National Negro Congress to be held here April 26-28.

Six big CIO international unions are included in this list as well as a number of A. F. of L. groups. In addition many state and city labor bodies are supporting the Congress.

Among the unions endorsing the Congress are: The Steel Workers Organizing Committee, the Transport Workers Union, the International Wood Workers of America, the Construction Workers Organizing Committee, the American Federation of Teachers, the District of Columbia Joint Board of the Hotel and Restaurant Workers Union, the United Rubber Workers of America and the Furniture Workers Union.

QUILL SPEAKS
The Congress received practically a blanket endorsement here this week at the CIO rally held in the Central High School sponsored by the Washington Industrial Council of the CIO. The rally was held in protest against the Wagner Act Amendments.

Almost every speaker on the program remarked about the work of the National Negro Congress which was, in effect, an endorsement. Michael Quill, president of the Transport Workers Union, was the principal speaker. He condemned the tendencies toward American participation in "the imperialistic war in Europe."

Other speakers were Congressman Frank Pries of the District House Committee; Charles Houston, Special Counsel of the NAACP; Sidney R. Katz, Secretary-Treasurer, Maryland - District Council. This is the same Central High School that last year in a controversy over Marian Anderson refused to admit Negroes.

Demand Probe In Bombing of Negro's Home

Negro Congress Calls on FBI for Action in Outrage

WASHINGTON, April 14.—Reacting quickly to an outrageous act of attempted murder against a Negro home owner in a white neighborhood here this week, the National Negro Congress demanded of United States Attorney General Robert H. Jackson an immediate FBI investigation of the bombing of the home of Miss Edna Holland, Negro high school teacher.

Miss Holland's home was dynamited and 200 other homes had their windows shattered when unidentified persons placed a dynamite bomb under her front porch at 1324 Harvard St. in this city last Friday night.

It developed that a group of 51 white home owners in the block had been trying for some time to force Miss Holland to sell out her property, because they objected to Negro residents in the block.

In a telegram sent the Attorney General, John P. Davis, national secretary of the Congress stated, "In the nation's capital last night a person or persons, inflamed by efforts of a so-called white citizens covenant committee to oust a Negro home owner from her property, dynamited her home and wrecked the homes adjacent thereto."

"The National Negro Congress demands an immediate investigation by the FBI of this dastardly conspiracy to deprive a citizen of her constitutional rights. We demand that every member of this so-called white citizens committee be apprehended and charged with a conspiracy to deprive this Negro citizen of her constitutional rights. We await your reply by wire."

House to Consider Walter-Logan Bill

WASHINGTON, April 14 (UP).—This week the House begins consideration of the Walter-Logan bill which would require court review of regulations issued by federal administrative agencies.

Minor, Moore Speak in Harlem Tomorrow Night

A mass meeting to protest against plans to block the passage of the anti-lynching bill in this session of Congress has been called by the Harlem Section of the Communist Party and the Young Communist League for 8 P.M. tomorrow at Congress Casino, 168 W. 132nd St.

Robert Minor, member of the National Committee, and Richard B. Moore, pioneer fighter for the freedom of the Scottsboro boys and Negro rights, will be the main speakers.

Claudia Jones, leader of the YCL, will preside.

Protests Mount Against Delay On Lynch Bill

Mass Demands Pour Into Senate for Prompt Action

(Special to the Daily Worker)
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 14.—Protests to Sen. Barkley were beginning to mount today demanding that the anti-lynching bill be set on the Senate calendar for immediate action. More letters and telegrams to individual senators were urged by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Sen. Barkley, Administration leader in the Senate and President Roosevelt's chief spokesman, has refused to date to hold even a conference with sponsors of the measure with reference to a specific date for a hearing on the bill. Republican and Democratic Party leaders in the senate are evidently trying to sidetrack the bill at this session of congress.

Meanwhile, throughout the country, labor, civic and religious groups passed resolutions urging the Senate to pass the anti-lynching bill. More than enough votes to enact the bill are already pledged once it gets to a Senate vote, and Sen. Tom Connally's threatened filibuster is defeated.

Resolutions calling for passage of the bill were passed unanimously by two white and one Negro conference of the Methodist Church last week, according to Dr. Charles Weber of the Methodist Federation for Social Service. These conferences represented Methodist churches in Massachusetts, Vermont, New York, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Maryland, New Jersey and New York.

In Knoxville, Tenn., Dr. Arthur Raper, Research Director of the Commission on Inter-racial Cooperation in Atlanta, urged the Southern Sociological Society to support the anti-lynching bill.

"I am in favor of the anti-lynching law because I am firmly convinced there is no way of punishing lynchings under our present court system. A federal statute on lynching is as necessary as the federal law prohibiting postage. By the very nature of the two crimes, the local courts are not going to punish offenders," Dr. Raper said.

"The Society of the Congressional Christian Women of the State of New York and the American Civil Liberties Union have recently announced their support for the bill."

Father Drowns Blind Invalid Son in Tub

HANCOCK, Mich., April 14 (UP).—Abraham White, 53, described in a shaken voice today how he submerged his 15-year-old son's head in a tub of water and drowned him because "he was sick and blind and I couldn't stand to see him suffer."

While his wife was away from their home at Atlantic a few miles south of here, White went into the kitchen and prepared a tub of water. When the tub was filled he led his son into the kitchen and pushed his head beneath the water. He held it there for several moments, he said.

Commits Suicide With Safety Pin

JACKSON, Mich., April 14 (UP).—A suicide by stabbing with a safety pin was confirmed today by an autopsy.

State police were dubious when Mrs. Anna Ellis told them her husband, George, 44, had ended his life by repeatedly jabbing a straightened pin into his heart. The body was brought from the Ellis home at Cement City to Foote Hospital here for an autopsy and Dr. J. Harold Ahronheim confirmed Mrs. Ellis' story.

Mrs. Ellis said her husband, who had been ill and despondent, called her to his bedside and said he had repeatedly jabbed a pin into his breast. He died shortly afterward. Dr. Ahronheim found that the pin had pierced the apex of the heart, permitting so much blood to enter the heart sac that beating was halted.

Protests Against ACLU Attack on Flynn Pour In, Scoring Betrayal of Liberties

From all over the country Elizabeth Gurley Flynn continued to receive letters and telegrams of support in her fight for civil liberties within the American Civil Liberties Union this week, as various local branches of that organization passed resolutions denouncing the action of the governing body.

The Massachusetts Branch of the ACLU and the Indiana Branch joined the Southern California branch in voting overwhelmingly against the resolution which resulted in the charges preferred against Miss Flynn.

SOME RESIGN
Hundreds of individual members of the ACLU voiced their indignation at the action, some in their protest going to the extent of resigning from the organization. Resignations of protest were proffered by Caro Lloyd Strobel, Watson Nicholson, and Harriet A. Dillingham.

Mrs. Dillingham, however, retained her membership in the Southern California Branch of the ACLU because of its decision "to make adherence to the Bill of Rights the only test for membership on the board."

In a letter to the national board of directors, Mario B. Tomach, chairman of the Lake County Civil Liberties Committee (Gary, Ind.), informed that body last week that "it is the unanimous opinion of the membership of this committee that the ACLU resolution of February 5, 1940, establishing an opinion's test for members of the governing bodies of the ACLU is definitely harmful to the cause of civil liberty."

VAN KLEECK PROTESTS
Mary Van Kleeck of Russell Sage Foundation, prominent member of the ACLU, in a letter to John Haynes Holmes, pointed to the numerous expressions of protest already registered and presented a resolution to democratize and strengthen the ACLU by amending the by-laws and adopting a constitution "to repeal the present provisions which limit voting privileges to members of the National Committee and provide for the election by each of the National Committee and the Board of Directors."

From among the mounting letters of protest to the ACLU Board of Directors, the following excerpts offer a typical example of how the membership of the ACLU feels about the Flynn "trial":

EXCERPTS OF PROTEST LETTERS
Lavina L. Dock, of Fayetteville, Pa., "I have never been more disappointed, except by the President's speech to the Youth Congress. I am not a Communist Party member. Since getting the vote I have been a still am registered as a Socialist. I am a true friend, unswerving and untried, of Soviet Russia."

Bernita M. Howe, of Orlando, Fla., informed the Board that she would not renew her membership, securing her action was "particularly because of my strong opposition to the entrance of America into the war. I do not like to see you crowding out any group which stands so consistently for peace as do the Communists."

Dr. W. L. Maloney Jr. of Philadelphia, wrote regretfully of having recently renewed his membership in the organization to which he has belonged for 10 years. In a letter to Roger Baldwin he declared: "My present reaction is that I have had two dollars taken from me under false pretenses. I do not regret the two dollars nearly so much as I resent the fact that my money is to be used by an organization which, if judged by its most recent actions, not only has repudiated its past, but has apparently determined to compromise its future."

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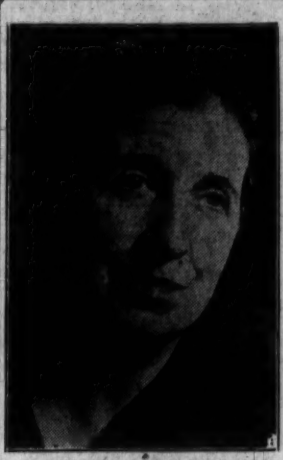
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Alice Holdship Ware, New York:

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Water Front Branch Adds To Defense Fund

To spur the fight for the defense of civil liberties and to honor the memory of Fred Flynn, son of Elizabeth Gurley Flynn who died recently, Branch C-2 of the Waterfront Section, writes that \$21.70 was raised through a spontaneous collection from a small group of ten who were present at the meeting April 8th.

The money was sent to the Defense Committee for Civil Rights for Communists as a contribution to carry "on the good fight."

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Negro Parley To Have Steel City Delegates

(Special to the Daily Worker)
PITTSBURGH, Pa., April 14.—The Steel City Industrial Council will be represented at the National Negro Congress by two delegates, both prominent Negro trade unionists of this city. The delegates are M. P. Jackson, an organizer for the United Mine Workers in District 5, and Frederick Holmes, a vice-president of Local 56 of the State, County and Municipal Workers.

The election of these delegates occurred at the last regular meeting of the Steel City Council. At that time the delegates concurred with the report on the National Negro Congress presented to the body by Frederick Holmes. During his report, Holmes spoke of the recent speech of John L. Lewis at Monongah, W. Va., when Lewis spoke of his plans to be present at the Congress.

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State Death Rate Lowest on Record

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Seattle Forms C. P. Defense Committee

Announcement of the formation of a Defense Fund Committee in Seattle, Washington was received here today as the Dies Committee continued its attacks on civil rights of Communists.

The new committee, headed by Bonnie Huff and Elizabeth Boggs, revealed that it would send the national defense committee in New York a check for \$500 within a few days. This is one-third of Washington's quota in the national drive for \$50,000.

In addition to raising funds for the legal defense of Communist leaders, the Committee is opening a drive to crystallize the mass sentiment for civil rights for Communists.

From Minnesota comes news that the defense campaign is getting underway in the form of a check for \$150. This is Minnesota's first payment on a quota of \$500.

Red Cross Prepares to Feed Greenland People

WASHINGTON, April 14 (UP).—The American Red Cross began preparations today to feed Greenland's 16,600 inhabitants—mostly eskimos—in event it is cut off from its former source of supply—Denmark.

'GWTW' Picket Acquitted on Assault Charge

Defendant Beaten by Police While Protesting Lynch Film

A verdict of not guilty was handed down in Special Sessions Court in Brooklyn yesterday in the case of 17-year-old Philip Sharlip, who was beaten by police and then charged with assault during a demonstration protesting the anti-Negro film, "Gone With the Wind," on Feb. 1. The demonstration was held outside Loew's Metropolitan Theater, in downtown Brooklyn.

The acquittal followed emulsion on the stand by the arresting officer, S. Bulcel, that he had to "help the boy into the Crawford store at Fulton and Lawrence Sts." because he was hurt.

Defense testimony was given by the boy's mother, Dr. Simon Beckerman, who treated him for his injuries, and Thomas Russell Jones, Negro attorney of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Jones was acquitted last month on charges of disorderly conduct growing out of his protests at the mistreatment of the Sharlip boy.

The sitting judges were Myles Paige, Negro jurist recently named to the Special Sessions Court; Frederick Hackenberg and J. Flood.

Ask Funds for B'klyn Jewish Welfare Aid

Social Service Union Raps Move for Retrenchment

In an open letter to the trustees of the New York Federation for the Support of Jewish Philanthropic Societies, the Social Service Employees Union today appealed for additional funds to stop serious retrenchment in the Jewish Family Welfare Society of Brooklyn, the largest private welfare agency in the Borough serving the Jewish community there.

The union points out that Brooklyn's social services have been woefully inadequate. Miss Evelyn Adler, the Union's president states in the letter: "The largest and most poverty stricken Jewish community in the country is the most neglected. It is no wonder that the Abe Reles and Lepke types have developed in the Brownsville and Williamsburg slum areas. Yet, the first employee dismissed by the Jewish Family Welfare Society in its retrenchment program was a court worker attached to the Children's Court."

With professional social workers of almost 100 private social agencies represented in the Social Service Employees Union, Miss Adler noted that the Brooklyn Society is regarded in the profession as one of the outstanding family service organizations in the country. The community need for its services is demonstrated by the rise in families assisted: from 2,468 in 1935 to 4,968 in 1939, an increase of 102 per cent. In spite of that fact, the lack of funds in the agency has forced it to reduce its relief allocations to half its normal expenditures and threatens to throw 200 families per month off its rolls.

The Union is urging all social welfare, liberal, labor and contributors groups to prevail upon the Federation to allocate more funds to Brooklyn.

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Fight 50 Per Cent Relief Cut in Illinois

Workers Alliance Leads Campaign to Force Gov. Horner to Add Relief to Agenda of Special Session of Legislature

(Special to the Daily Worker)
CHICAGO, April 14.—With Illinois relief recipients facing a cut up to 50 per cent in the inadequate budget set by the Chicago Relief Administration, the Illinois Workers Alliance is leading a fight by all labor and progressive organizations to force Governor Horner to include the subject of relief in the call for a special session of the legislature he has promised to issue.

Mass WPA layoffs scheduled for April—totaling 18,100—in addition to mass layoffs in the steel industry, will make such a drain on relief funds that the present starvation payments, averaging 80 per cent of the budget, will be cut to 50 per cent.

POLITICAL FOOTBALL
In the face of that situation candidates of all factions of both major parties are using relief as a political football, while Governor Horner has the supreme call to announce his intention of calling a special session of the legislature without including relief in the agenda. No candidate has done more than spout generalities about relief for the unemployed.

The immediate program of the Illinois Workers Alliance in the first week of April called for telegrams from all labor and progressive organizations to Governor Horner demanding that he include an additional relief appropriation in his call.

The long range program of the Alliance, according to Gilbert Lang, executive director, is full support for a third party as called for by John L. Lewis in his talks before the United Mine Workers convention and the American Youth Congress.

"The Workers Alliance sees no hope for the unemployed except through a third party," Lang declared.

WPA layoffs in Illinois, due to the Roosevelt policy of cutting all appropriations except for war materials, will be 14,600 in April. These layoffs are to be made "painless," according to Illinois Emergency Relief Commission officials, by including in them the 10,000 to 12,000 persons eligible for unemployment compensation. The WPA points out that compensation for those thousands will average \$7 a week. That is the "painless" program IERC officials are boasting of.

Another 3,500 WPA workers will lose their jobs in April because of the 18-month clause in the WPA bill enacted at the last session of Congress. Figures show that only 12 per cent of those laid off WPA

because they had served 18 months have been able to get on the rolls again after the three-month waiting period.

On Jan. 30 there were 1,135,000 persons on public assistance in Illinois, according to Relief Commission figures. The situation was desperate then because of inadequate funds. Since then more than 100,000 additional persons have been thrown on relief or forced to apply for it. Further WPA layoffs are scheduled for May and June.

In addition to more funds, the Workers Alliance and labor unions demand that the Relief Commission be authorized to spend whatever is necessary from month to month. At present it is limited to spending \$4,000,000 a month and cannot touch the balance of a \$72,000,000 appropriation voted to cover an 18-month period. The Relief Commission should spend what is needed every month, says the Alliance, and when more money is needed a special session should be called to appropriate more.

Memory of Joe Hill Aids C. P. Defense

Joe Hill, workers' poet, framed and shot to death, in 1915, is helping workers' defenders today after his death, reports Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, a secretary of the Defense Committee for Civil Rights for Communists at 799 Broadway.

Some time ago a correspondent in Vermont wrote Miss Flynn asking for the words of Joe Hill's anti-strikebreaking song—"Casey Jones." She sent him the song, and yesterday reported that she got back in reply a check for the defense fund, with the following note:

"Some time ago you took the trouble to answer a trifling request for the song 'Casey Jones' by Joe Hill. . . . Allow me to thank you."

"I enclose check for five dollars for your defense fund. Sorry I can't send more."

"You are the kind who stimulate the lethargic into action. More power to you."

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Household Corner

THE SHAD season is only with us during the early spring months. Many who are fish addicts look forward to this season with great relish.

In fact, so popular has the shad season become among fish eaters that today the supply is only about one-tenth of what it was at the turn of the century, according to the Fishery Council. It has become necessary to pass conservation laws to protect the shad from becoming extinct. Thus the season for catching shad is usually very short.

The shad lives most of its life in the deep sea but comes up rivers, much like the salmon, to spawn. It is bony fish, but perhaps it is from its plentiful supply of bones that it gets its fine taste, for there are many gourmets who believe that when you take the bones out, you take the taste out.

Soft-fleshed and fat, shad is distinguished by its silvery color and dark spots. It weighs from 1-1½ to 6 pounds and is sold whole. The shad roe, a delicacy of delicacies, is sold

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**The Farmers Tell
The War-Makers**

• When an anti-war rally of farmers in Marshfield, Wisconsin, raised the slogan "Starve the War—Feed America!" they knew whereof they were talking.

The munitions makers, especially airplane manufacturers, are coining money hand over fist, but the foreign market for American farmers is one of the first casualties of the war.

To make their plight worse, the farmers find the home market dwindling too as Roosevelt's slashes in WPA and other social services cut deeply into the buying power of the people.

That is why the slogan "Starve the War—Feed America!" will find welcome ears not only throughout the farming states but wherever Americans are hungry.

The producers of the nation's food, up to their ears in mortgages and often unable even to afford to buy seed, may well say too: "No credits to the Allies—credits for the farmers!"

**The Post Tries to
Explain Its Silence**

• Readers of the Post who questioned the editor of that paper on his silence on the imprisonment of the French Communist deputies, have apparently hit where it hurts.

The Post acknowledges that it received 97 such letters. And while it claims that a "large proportion of them" was inspired by the Communist Party, it is compelled to admit that many are clearly "written without any organization's influence."

The Post then proceeds to excuse its silence on the crime of the French government and a pretty lame excuse it is. For, says the Post, the trial was a secret one; so how can anyone ascertain the facts and know whether to protest or approve?

But isn't the secrecy of the trial in itself the best proof of the guilt of the French government? Didn't the government try the Communist deputies in star-chamber proceedings just so that the facts would remain hidden—and because it feared to have those facts come to light?

And how does the Post justify the way the government ruthlessly violated the parliamentary immunity of these deputies who represented the votes of 1,500,000 Frenchmen? The Post remains strangely silent on this point.

To the Post, which is in partnership with the French government in attempting to spread this senseless, imperialist war, the facts are "unknown." But an increasing number of Americans are beginning to understand that the Communist deputies were railroaded for the sole "crime" of exposing the imperialist character of the war, for fighting for peace and for trying to save the lives of the youth of France. These Americans will continue to demand of the French Ambassador and consulates here that the Communist deputies be released and restored to their rightful seats in the Chamber of Deputies.

Woll Becomes 'Militant'

• Matthew Woll's philosophy has always been that the unions can commit no greater crime than strike for higher wages or take independent political action in their own interests.

But all of sudden this vice-president of the A. F. of L. and former vice-president of the open-shop National Civic Federation, becomes very militant. He actually threatens a political strike by labor!

But Woll proposes that labor strike not—as you have probably guessed—for its own interests but in behalf of American imperialism, the British Empire and war. Speaking at the convention of the International Union of Operating Engineers, Woll declared that unless shipments of war material from the United States to Germany by way of the neutrals are stopped, labor "should consider going one step further and withhold manufacturing and transporting such materials."

Fortunately, the rank and file of the A. F. of L. got wise to Woll many years ago. He has always been unable to stop the rank and file from acting to protect itself. He will not succeed now in getting labor to hurl itself into the trenches for the profits of his associates of the National Civic Federation.

In fact, there is something ironic about Woll talking about labor action to spread the war when labor throughout the world is thinking of taking action to halt the conflict.

**Letters From
Our Readers****Appalled at French Government's
Action Against 44 Communist Deputies**

New York City.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Enclosed please find copy of a letter sent to the French Consulate:

"We have read with growing apprehension of the recent secret trials of the French Communist Deputies, and have been appalled at the undemocratic methods to which the French government has resorted in the case of these legally elected representatives of over a million and a half French people.

"Are we, Americans deeply versed and steeped in the traditions of democracy and peace and freedom, to sit idly by, and watch with indifference the menacing activities of a government whose principles and ideals were once respected by the American people? Are not these repressive measures the very same as those used by the fascist countries? It is strange, in the face of this, that your government strongly maintains that it is fighting a war to preserve the democratic ideal.

"The freedom-loving peoples of the world will judge the action of the French government and will cry out with indignation against the undemocratic and criminal practices in which it has indulged against these 44 Communist Deputies."

MR. AND MRS. T. W. L.

**Indiana Communists' Letter to Negro
Press on Fight for Anti-Lynch Bill**

Indianapolis, Ind.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Enclosed please find copy of letter our district sent to the editors of the Negro Press in Indiana:

"The Anti-Lynching Bill, now before the Senate, faces a fate similar to that of previous years. In the past, filibusters have defeated it. Even the attitude of the chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, who is a Senator from our own state, Frederick Van Nuys, is nothing to be proud of.

"The Communist Party, from the very inception of this fight, has joined with every group in an effort to pass the Anti-Lynching Bill. On March 5 the Communist Party sent two of its representatives, Ben Davis, Jr., and Pat Toohey, to present its position on the bill before the Senate Committee. All tricks of Van Nuys to keep these two from speaking failed. They appeared and spoke and tore the mask of hypocrisy from this august body.

"The Senators must not be permitted to condone the lynch system under the guise of 'free speech' in the Senate. The Senators who under any pretext whatever use this tactic are usurping the democratic rights of fourteen million Negro Americans.

"I assure you that the membership of the Communist Party of Indiana will join in all efforts to have the bill passed. I am confident that you, through your own message to the Senators from Indiana, as well as through other means, will likewise organize such support."

COMMUNIST PARTY OF INDIANA.

**Public Library Employees Call Upon
Citizens to Attend Library Budget Hearing**

New York City.

Editor, Daily Worker:

According to the analysis of the Mayor's proposed budget for 1940, made by the New York City Public Library Employees' Union, Local 251 of the State, County and Municipal Workers of America, the New York Public Library will have no money to provide for staffing extension of services already under way and insistently demanded by the citizens of New York City.

Twenty-three new positions were asked for by the trustees of the library. None have been granted. The extension to the 135th St. Branch will exist as a new library area without a staff to run it.

The Picture Collection is crippled. To New York City this will mean the loss of thousands of dollars worth of business this year. The Picture Collection has been in constant use by advertising men, commercial artists, etc. To the schools, the loss is unestimable.

Another service which has grown up during the past few years is the tremendous use of civil service material. As new positions were not provided, this service, according to the Mayor, will have to be discontinued.

The union calls upon the citizens of New York City to turn out at the Public Hearing on the Library Budget the afternoon of April 17, to demand that the low paid employees receive a general increase, and that sufficient money be allotted to replace and to work-out books and provide essential services.

NEW YORK CITY PUBLIC
LIBRARY EMPLOYEES UNION.**Hits Daily News Anti-Labor
Stand**

New York City.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Enclosed please find letter addressed to the Daily News:

"Your editorial cartoon of April 9 captioned 'The General Who Finds His Troops Headed Elsewhere,' appropriately applies not to John L. Lewis but to your paper, the N. Y. Daily News. Its implications are offensive to any decent American working man.

"I, a taxi owner-driver, consider myself a typical American working man. I feel that whatever hurts labor generally will eventually hurt me. Particularly, do I feel hurt at the tone of your recent editorials and news write-ups affecting labor, especially by the treatment of the recent transit strike situation provoked by the Mayor against the T. W. U. It showed me that your interests are definitely not identified with or sympathetic to labor, in this case, to those who work in our subways. And now, in the same underhanded way you treated the subway men, you strike out at the rest of organized labor. Why are you doing this? We know you don't and can't attack him on his labor record. Can it be that you attack him because he is against American participation in the European war? You now try to discredit these leaders so that later you can discredit peace.

TAXI OWNER-DRIVER.

**Calls Sentencing of Communist Deputies
Comparable to Infamous Reichstag Fire**

New York City.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Enclosed please find copy of a letter sent to the French Ambassador:

"As a country supposedly fighting for democracy and against fascism, I call the arresting of the 44 French Communist Deputies one of the worst fascist moves ever made and comparable only to the infamous Reichstag trial.

"I demand that the French Government release these Deputies who were elected democratically and legally by the people of France, and allow them to take their rightful places in the French Government."

B. P.

**HIS MAJESTY'S OPPOSITION**

• The Socialist Party has just held a convention with the benediction of the Wall Street press which gave it front page publicity and warm editorial praise.

The paternal hand extended to Norman Thomas by the capitalist class of the United States should serve to remind the people again that the Socialist Party is no longer a party of socialism or of the working class. It should also be a warning that despite its insignificant membership, the activities of the Socialist Party can be highly dangerous at this time for the movement for peace and security.

Why does American capitalism consider it wise to greet the Socialist Party so fondly? To find the answer, just look over the program adopted at the Socialist convention:

The Socialist Party pretends to oppose American participation in the war, but it sets out to destroy the anti-war movement.

It pretends to favor formation of a farmer-labor party in the future, but it is ready to fight the growing movement for independent political action which is developing under the leadership of John L. Lewis.

It pretends to be for civil rights, but it outdoes the Dies Committee in smearing large sections of the progressive movement, like the American Youth Congress.

It pretends to be for adequate aid for the jobless, but it seeks the destruction of their recognized organization, the Workers Alliance.

It pretends to be for socialism but it seeks the overthrow of the Soviet Union, the one country where socialism has been achieved.

The capitalist class would be stupid indeed if it did not take such a program to its heart. But it is not only its stated program which commends the Socialist Party to Wall Street. The American imperialists see a future for the Socialist Party. They hope that with their encouragement, the party will be able to perform the same function

in the November elections here that the British Labor Party and the French Socialist Party perform in Great Britain and France. They hope to build up the Socialist Party into a kind of "His Majesty's Opposition." They hope that with its so-called independent ticket, the Socialist Party will serve to prevent the crystallizing of a real Third Party and absorb wide sections of the voters who are discontented with both the Republican and Democratic Parties of Wall Street.

The imperialists also plan to help the Socialist Party push forward its imitation peace program and present this fake to the people as the peace program of a truly revolutionary party. In this manner, they hope to block the development of an effective peace movement in the United States.

When the Socialist Party eagerly joins President Roosevelt, Martin Dies, Herbert Hoover, and the House of Morgan in attacking the Communist Party, the American ruling class rubs its hands with glee. It sees here a faithful assistant to the reactionaries in their drive on the Communists and on civil rights in general, and in their attempt to prevent the Communist Party from registering its maximum voting strength in November.

These sinister plans of American imperialism must be defeated. This can be done, first of all, by developing still further the peace movement which reached its highest point to date in the April 6 demonstrations—demonstrations in which, incidentally, the Socialist Party played no part. Secondly, there is the need for building up the real peace party, Third Party movement of the people. Finally, it becomes necessary to guarantee that the ever increasing number of workers who recognize the bankruptcy of capitalism and the need for Socialism, are not lured into the trap set for them by the Socialist Party, but find their way to the Communist Party, the only party of Socialism.

How NOT to Achieve Unity

• Worried about the growing independence of the labor movement and its opposition to Roosevelt's war and hunger program, the White House is apparently considering some plan to "unite" the labor movement behind the war machine.

A proposal for compulsory unification of the trade union movement is favorably projected in the latest issue of the Teamsters' Journal by President Tobin, who is close to the White House. Tobin writes:

"... no governmental leader, in my judgment, will lose very many friends among the multitude for insisting and recommending that legislation be enacted bringing about a stoppage of the unneces-

sary and cruel conditions obtaining now as a result of the division in labor."

With the Administration embarked upon a program of destroying labor rights and dragging the country into the war, labor union becomes more urgent than ever. But it must be the kind of unity which would block the Administration's drive toward war, not facilitate it. It must be the kind of unity which would continue the gains, program and peace stand of the CIO and the progressives in the AFL. Compulsory unification under government auspices would be for the purpose of weakening and shackling labor. Tobin's talk of unity by "legislation" therefore is highly dangerous in the extreme.

**People of West Indies
Fight Back Against
War and Repression**

By Hugh Duckering

JAMAICA (By Mail) (ICN).—As in other parts of the British Empire, the burdens of the war are making worse the already terrible conditions of the bulk of the population of these islands.

The report of the Moyne Commission on Conditions in the West Indies has been suppressed, but some idea of the conditions can be had from the West Indian press reports of evidence given before the Commissioners when they were in the islands. For example, when visiting the Kingston slums the Commissioners saw people living in trees and in primitive home-made shacks among the sewage dumps for lack of anywhere else to go; found lines of shacks with none or few latrines; learnt of the maternal mortality rate of 55 (Britain 4.4) and an infant mortality rate of 119 per thousand; saw everywhere the effects of malnutrition and overcrowding, semi-starvation and unsanitary conditions.

This was before the war.

WIDE PROTESTS

Since the war "the cost of living has gone up about 30 per cent; wages have remained stationary or are going down" (Public Opinion, Feb. 3, 1940). Unemployment is also on the increase. Hunger and starvation have come again to the West Indies and the "skin of our bellies is cleaving to the bones of our backs." In face of the incompetence of the Government to deal adequately with the labor situation, workers have marched in the streets to demonstrate their utter disgust with their terrible working conditions." (Worker, Jan. 23, 1940.)

The few political liberties enjoyed in the islands before the war are being severely limited. In Jamaica the defense regulations give the Governor dictatorial powers. There is severe limitation on the publishing of news on labor unrest and strikes, letters sent to England describing the conditions have been held up by the authorities, though recently one or two have been allowed through.

FREE SPEECH BANNED

One workers' paper has been banned and there are limitations on free speech. The secretary of the Unemployment and Consumers Defense Committee has stated that "there is at least 75 per cent of suppression of the scanty amount of free speech that we had prior to the war." "The Government is using its war-time power to indulge in the most ruthless suppression of anything that even faintly resembles criticism of its policy," writes the Worker.

The bulk of the population of the West Indies is not peasant, but works for wages on plantations—sugar and fruit, or in the oil fields or on the docks. Wages are kept low by keeping the price of Jamaica exports low. In the past low prices have been partly the result of the low world agricultural prices and of the buying policies of the two great combines Tate & Lyle and Elder Dempster (Fyffes). Now they are due in part to the war program of increased colonial exploitation. Wages received are largely spent on imported industrial goods and imported foodstuffs, which are now allowed to rise freely in price. The result is that, as in England, the cost of living is increasing sharply, but the rise in prices in the islands has been twice as great and wages have increased hardly at all.

NO SOLUTION

Suggested solutions of the islands' economic difficulties are the industrialization of the islands and the increase of home production of food. But industrialization is officially prevented, and the Food Production Campaign, which was launched before the war, has resulted in little more than talk, even though in one way it might be to the advantage of the imperialists themselves since it reduces the amount of shipping required to carry goods to the West Indies.

In the light of the problems facing the West Indian people, ground between the nether millstone of rising prices and the upper millstone of low wages, it will be seen how utterly deceptive is the British Government's announcement that it will grant one million pounds a year for social services in the islands to be administered by a special Commissioner, and will appoint an Inspector General in Agriculture. Superficially, these schemes have the semblance of an advance, but, as with the five million a year grant to the Colonial Development Fund, they are merely returning to the colonies a fraction of what is being taken out of the workers and small peasant farmers by extra exploitation.

PROGRESSIVE VENEER

These fractions are returned because it is felt to be essential in London to give a progressive veneer to Britain's colonial policy and while the giving of these grants to the colonies has been accompanied by much shouting and propaganda news of the robbing of the colonial peoples, which is having terrible effects, is being kept out of the press and rigidly suppressed.

However, the West Indian workers are not suffering in silence. Every opportunity they have of demanding better conditions is being used. The unemployed are marching, workers are striking in the sugar plantations (Serge Island estate, St. Thomas) and on the docks (Grace Wharf, Kingston) and recently these strikes have developed into ones involving thousands of workers.

MOVEMENT GROWING

These are small beginnings, but they will grow as the war burdens increase. All legal opportunities for propaganda are utilized. The Worker, the chief organ of the labor elements, is now a daily and is kept going by small subscriptions from friends and readers of the paper. Local elections in Barbados and Trinidad have resulted in an increase of labor representation on the municipal council. In Jamaica a by-election at St. Andrews for a seat on the legislative council was fought by N. N. Netherole of the People's National Party, the first candidate in a Jamaican election to fight on the planned program of a political party. Jamaican franchise is on tax-and-income basis, but, nevertheless, Netherole polled 975 votes against the successful candidate's 1,554.

The struggle in the West Indies has not yet developed into a mass struggle against the war. However, as the burdens of war increase, so will the struggle against it.

NO HOLDS BARRED

By STAN KURMAN

Listening in to the Yanks and Dodgers

A few random notes while listening in to the first baseball game of the year in New York City:

You tune in and just a bit surprised because the Yanks and Dodgers are getting in that long-postponed Ebbets Field debut... but not too much surprised because you know MacPhail is about such things and the house is packed despite the football weather.

The fans go big for the new Dodgers... Flashy little Peeewe Reese is immediately a hero after a few dazzling steps in practice.

And speedy Charlie Gilbert goes over too... Text Carleton is no kid but he's a Dodger and gets a big hand as he steps out on the mound to face the Yank powerhouse... And Crosetti starts the game and the year by flying out to Mr. Roy Cullenbine, who runs away over to make a nice catch in deep right...

Then Red Rolfe gets up and lines one that Cullenbine can't reach and the Yanks are on the way. And from there on you know Tex is in trouble. Rolfe is a neat rally starter and from there on it's the terrific Yank power... Twink Selkirk walks and the stands are silent... because that brings up Joe DiMaggio, greatest player in the game today... Tex pitches carefully to DiMaggio... too carefully, and a sweeping curve gets away from Babe Phelps and goes for a wild pitch as both runners advance... Carleton is in a hole: men on second, on third, only one out and DiMaggio up... It's a spot where a panicky pitcher would blow up, maybe groove one over... but Tex is cagey and takes his wind-up slowly because there's the danger of a steal and he sneaks one over the corner that Joe lunges for and misses. You can hear the wild yell over the radio: Carleton fanned DiMaggio... That's two out but things would be a lot easier if it wasn't for Mr. Charley Keller coming up... powerful, unorthodox, the Yank sophomore is one of the top sluggers in the game today along with DiMaggio and Ted Williams of the Red Sox... And Keller whips out a terrific smash that goes way past young Charlie Gilbert in center for a triple and two runs are on... And as if that wasn't enough of an unhappy Ebbets Field debut for Dodger Carleton, Bill Dickey slams out a single and the Yanks have three runs on three hits...

Carleton, does O.K. from then through the rest of his three-inning job but meanwhile Steve Sundra, one of the many good, overlooked Yankee hurlers, doesn't allow a hit over the same distance. That's about the story of the Yanks and why they stand out so far in front of the pack and rate as one of the great teams of all time. Three runs on three hits... a pitcher has to be bearing down all the time. You can't take it easy with any of them... walk Rolfe to get to Selkirk... Fan DiMaggio and then take it easy with Keller? And it isn't only the socking power... pitchers like Sundra, Oral Hildebrand and Bump Hadley who don't figure big in Yank plans but could help any one of fifteen ball clubs easy...

The third inning backs up the Yankee story... Joe Gordon is out and yet Bill Knickerbocker is filling in at second which should mean a weak spot but Bill not only comes up with some fielding gems but fools Carleton by getting hold of one in third and sending in Mr. Keller, who made it two for two by dropping a single in right...

And just as you're feeling gloomy about how terrific the Yanks are, in comes young Marv Bruer and the Dodgers hold all over him. Pete Coccaratti gets the first Dodger hit of the game and gets a hot hand... Pete's been overlooked in all the deserved tribute heaped on Reese, but he's playing a great game of second base and teams up with the still unsettled kid nicely... Joe Vosmik follows with his first hit as a Dodger and the fans are yelling wilder than ever... not so much about the hit but because this Vosmik looks like the guy who'll fill in that yawning hole where a long-ball slugger has been needed for so long. Cookie Lavagetto, just out from under the grippe, also likes Bruer's stuff and singles in two runs...

Luke Hamlin comes in to pitch his three innings in the fourth and gets the warmest hand of the day from the 12,000 fans... Luke won 20 games last year and looks headed for another top year, despite that mauling he got from the Yanks earlier in the week. And Luke forgets all about that to set back the Yanks neatly although he has a bit of trouble in the sixth because Dickey and the troublesome Knickerbocker single...

In the sixth inning you realize what makes the Dodgers... Durocher gets out that last bit of college try and the boys never quit... And the Dodgers would've tied it up if it wasn't for Knickerbocker, who is supposed to be a weak link... because after Phelps walked, Lavagetto lined a sure double between first and second and Billy races deep and to his left to knock it down and hold very much surprised Cookie to a single... But Lavagetto is smart and realizes that Billy Rosar, who just replaced Dickey behind the bat, hasn't anywhere near the poise and savvy of the vet catcher... and as the slumping Camilli fans, Cookie sprints down to second and Rosar makes a too-hurried throw which Crosetti can't reach and Phelps scores...

Hugh Casey, who quietly won fifteen as a rookie last year and is headed for a hot season, comes on in the seventh and starts cold against the head of the batting order... Rolfe, best third-baseman in the game today, singles to start things off again... DiMaggio is due and also singles and by this time Casey is rattled and Keller doubles to left, scoring Rolfe... which makes all three pitchers that Charley has hit and each time he's set one to a different field...

The Dodgers get hot in the eighth and the fans perk up as Ernie Koy, replacing Gilbert, continues his recent slugging spree by lashing a single off Spud Chandler, another of the Yank second-line hurlers, trying to win back his top four spot of '38... Phelps singles to center and the very fast Koy shows his respect for DiMaggio by holding on at second...

Phokey... Just as Camilli fans and Koy steals third at the most exciting part of the game, the broadcast goes off and a couple of guys sing about breakfast food and you suppose you should appreciate but you're mad.

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Beat Yanks Drive, 6-Club N. L. Race Peps Up Season

Other A. L. Clubs Sore at 7-20 Odds on Champs—Reds Would Crash Precedent by Repeating Over Evenly-Matched Rivals

By George Kirksey
(United Press Staff Writer)

Baseball begins its second century tomorrow. The spread of night baseball, a concentrated campaign to overthrow the Yankees, the prospective six-club National League race and other factors promise to send attendance soaring above the 11,000,000 mark.

The 1940 campaign is fraught with more possibilities than in several years. Commanding sharpest interest are:

(1)—Can the Yanks beat back the American League's unified challenge to overthrow them?

(2)—Is Bill McKechnie capable of upsetting National League tradition by repeating with the Reds?

(3)—Will dissension wreck the Cubs as a National League pitcher?

(4)—Can Bill Terry reorganize the Giants and send them on their way back up?

(5)—Will night baseball make further progress?

These and many more questions have the fans buzzing with excitement as the clubs prepare to commence a 154-game grind ending Sept. 29.

Although Jack Doyle, the Broadway sage whose baseball odds are official, quotes the Yanks 7 to 30 (you have to put \$20 to win \$70), the shortest price favorite in baseball annals, there is enough evidence to indicate that the overthrow of the world's champions is not impossible.

Improvement in the Red Sox pitching and defense has strengthened Boston. Solution of the long-time second base-shortstop problem has given Cleveland a better club. The other clubs are going to point their heaviest artillery at the Yanks in line with the club owners' determination to end the Bronx Bombers' 4-year reign.

The "No-Trade" rule put over by Clark Griffith of Washington last winter may not hurt the Yanks, but it certainly won't help them. If the Yanks should have a star injured, they would be hard put to replace him and would have to rely on their farm material.

The end of the Yanks' long run of good luck is overdue. Are recent events any forerunner of what's to follow—Jake Powell in the hospital after a collision. Lefty Gomez hit on the leg by a line drive, and Joe

With Jimmy Brown and Johnny Mase both nursing knee injuries, the Cardinals' infield problem is more acute now than it was at the start of spring training. The Cards have the punch to win but their defense is unsound and their pitching a question mark.

Dissension may wreck the Cubs' flag hopes. This team is far from one big happy family.

Billy Terry's job of revitalizing the fifth place Giants has taken on an easier atmosphere since Carl Hubbell and Hal Schumacher have performed so brilliantly in exhibition games against Cleveland. Terry, however, is gambling on three, and maybe four, rookies—Johnny Rucker in center, Babe Young at first, Hick Wittek at second and possibly Glenn Stewart at third.

Frankie Frisch has whipped together a real ball club out of the Pirates, but is desperate for pitching and catching.

Nine cities—five in the National and four in the American—will play night ball this season, and there is a chance that one or two more may join the mad parade before the season is over.

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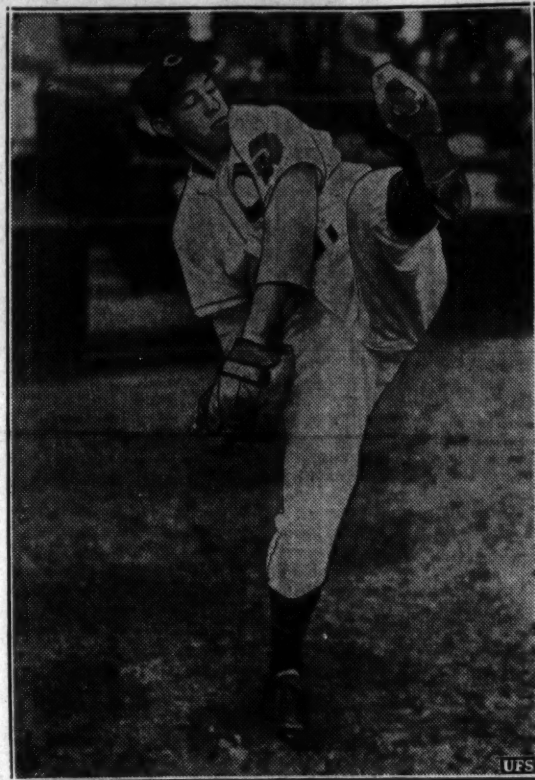
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PITCHER OF THE YEAR?



Bob Feller won't be 22 until November but he's already mentioned in the same breath as the pitching greats of yesterday. The Cleveland Indians are banking everything on Bob's right arm and he doesn't have to improve much on that splendid last year's record of 24 games won and only nine lost to emerge as 1940's outstanding pitcher.

Inside Baseball

Rucker Honored — Hubbell Big Attraction—St. Louis Plays Overtime Game

By Al Stillman
The big leagues started something when they opened their hall of fame... The semi-pros took up the idea and installed their own... First man to receive the honor was Freddie Hutchinson and now who...

should get the second?—none other than young Johnny Rucker of our Giants... But we hope he is more successful with the N. Y. outfit than Freddie was with Detroit last year... Young Hutchinson hurled 3 winning games and dropped 6 in the half-season he played with the club... At least Rucker won't have sprung up in the last decade or so... Too many pre-season tilts, he claims, have just the opposite effect desired... The chances of injury are more greatly enhanced when the players are not in condition and the players are more likely to go stale with that long stretch of training... So back to St. Lou... What's the purpose of playing extra innings at this time of year when the season is just two days away and after long weeks of hard training?... It's just another off-the-record tilt and they can't claim they're getting ready for an inter-city World Series...

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Red Sox Bank Heaviest on Kids as All Clubs—Except of Course the Yanks—Count on Youngsters to Up Flag Hopes

The rookies hold the spotlight as the sixteen big league clubs prepare for a gala breakaway tomorrow. More than one club is depending on youngsters to cash in at key posts.

The Reds are banking their flag hopes on rookie Myron McCormack, who has won the left field position, weak spot of last year's National League champions. If McCormack comes through with the power slugging he's shown in spring training, the Reds should cop easier than last season. Otherwise it's back to weak-armed Wally Berger or light-hitting Lee Gamble.

Vince DiMaggio, older brother of Joe up for a second big league trial, is a brilliant fielder but has yet to show that he can hit in the majors.

The Red Sox are putting their American League pennant hopes on the young pitching arms of Herbie Hash, Wil Butland and Maurice Harris, all first-year-up rookies. If the kids all come through, the terrific slugging Sox have a good chance of overtaking the flyless Yankees. And the Sox biggies thought so much of Outfielder Dom DiMaggio, youngest brother of baseball's first family, that they sold Joe Vosmik to the Dodgers.

The Indians, with a fair club surrounding brilliant Bob Feller, looks to flashy Lou Boudreau to plug a second-base weakness that's been a Tribe weak-spot for years. The Cubs, considered by many to be fading out of the picture slowly after being up there in the thick of it for some years, figure on kid outfielder Dom Dallesandro to up pennant chances.

Our own Dodgers have one of the year's top finds in Peeewe Reese, brilliant twenty-year-old shortstop who already seems competent to take over for the still-outstanding but aging Leo Durocher. And in speedy Charlie Gilbert, Brooklyn may have an outfielder with the stuff.

The Dodgers, though, are counting more on experienced newcomers like outfielders Joe Vosmik and Roy Cullenbine to strengthen the attack and put the team in the thick of the flag race.

The Giants also are depending more on vets, although 3 rookies will start tomorrow. Johnny Rucker, youngster taking over for fading Joe Moore in left, is the rookie who has to click if the Giants are going anywhere. Nick Wittek looks competent though unsensational at second and Babe Young should fill at first.

But a couple of vets hold the key to Giant chances. Pitchers Carl Hubbell and Hal Schumacher, who burned up the league several years back, are trying to make the grade again after sore-arm off-seasons and if they can win fifteen each, the Giants have a great chance to surprise. So far Hub and Hal looked great but every Giant fan has his fingers crossed.

Just one club that isn't counting on rookies at all—the Yankees. And they've got one of the best-pitcher Marv Bruer. But the Yankees and what makes 'em another story—KURMAN.

Steve Sundra started off hot for the Yanks and held the Dodgers hitless for three innings. But the boys got to rookie Marv Bruer for two in the fourth and one in the sixth.

Cookie Lavagetto did the bulk of the important Dodger hitting, singling in two runs in the fourth and doing some heady work that meant another in the sixth. In that frame, Babe Phelps walked and Lavagetto singled him to third. Then as Dolph Camilli fanned, Cookie streaked it for second and young Buddy Rosar threw the ball away, Phelps scoring.

Bill Knickerbocker, replacing the ailing Joe Gordon at second, was the Yank fielding star. Luke Hamlin looked hot in the middle three innings for the Dodgers. Yanks win the series, 5-2. But wait till next spring!

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